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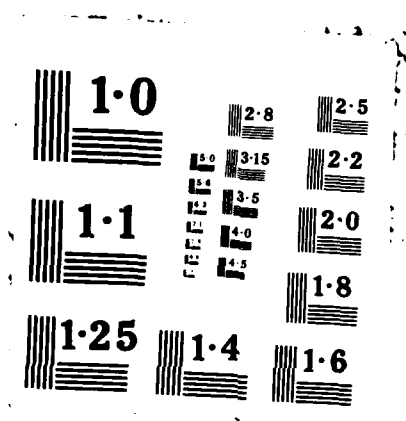
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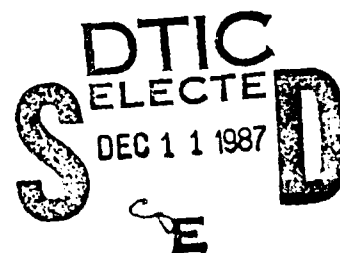
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PROGRAM - WORKSHOP 1  
February 24 and 25, 1987

DAY 1

TIME	EVENT
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BALLROOM "A"	
8:00	Welcome from Douglas Aircraft Engineering. (Peterson)
8:10	Welcome from USAF/FAA sponsors. (Britten-Austin and Hwoschinsky)
8:20	Objectives of workshop. (Biferno)
8:30	What is workload certification? (Gabriel)
9:00	Workload Assessment and certification. (Fadden)
9:30	Methodological issues concerning workload measurement during certification. (Biferno, Boucek)
10:15	Break
10:30	Subjective workload measurement panel: A review of the evidence regarding validity and reliability.  Reviewer Hart Reviewer Reid Discussant Gopher
12:00	Lunch - LOUNGE
1:00	Performance workload measurement panel: A review of the evidence regarding validity and reliability.  Reviewer Wickens Reviewer Eggemeier Discussant McCloy
2:30	Break
2:45	Physiological workload measurement panel: A review of the evidence regarding validity and reliability.  Reviewer Kramer Reviewer Wilson Discussant Stern



DAY 1 (continued)

TIME

EVENT

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- 4:15 Review of criteria for FACT MATRICIES categorization.  
(Williams)
- 4:30 Review of participant Fact Matrices by workload panel.  
Three subgroups will be created with panel members as leaders.
- Subjective subgroup in room # 106  
Performance subgroup in room # 136 (Wednesday in room # 121)  
Physiological subgroup in room #151
- 5:30 Adjourn.
- 7:00 Banquet - MONTEGO BAY ROOM

DAY 2

TIME

EVENT

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- 8:00 Continue review of Fact Matrices by workload panels in  
subgroups. Cite evidence for additions or deletions to  
original matrix.
- 12:00 Lunch - LOUNGE
- BALLROOM "A"
- 1:30 Review Fact Matrices of Subjective Measures.
- 2:00 Review Fact Matrices of Performance Measures.
- 2:30 Review Fact Matrices of Physiological Measures.
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Briefing on how measures will be implemented in simulation  
scenario.  
(Corwin, Sandry-Garza)
- 4:15 Concluding remarks.  
(Boucek, Biferno)
- 4:30 Survey of attendees regarding the best workload measures.
- 4:45 Turn in survey and final version of Fact Matrices.
- Cash bar - MONTEGO BAY ROOM

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## OBJECTIVES

### OBJECTIVE OF THE WORKSHOP

GATHER INFORMATION FROM WORKLOAD EXPERTS REGARDING WHICH MEASURES HAVE EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THEIR RELIABILITY OR VALIDITY.

### OBJECTIVES OF PANEL DISCUSSIONS

PROVIDE AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE FACTS CONCERNING THE VALIDITY AND RELIABILITY OF WORKLOAD MEASURES.

### OBJECTIVE OF THE SUBGROUP SESSIONS

PROVIDE A MEANS FOR SYSTEMATICALLY REVIEWING AND MODIFYING THE FACT MATRICES.

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WORKLOAD FACT MATRIX REVIEW  
PANEL AGENDA  
(suggested)

TIME	ITEM	ITEM DESCRIPTION
1630-1730	1.	<p>CRITERIA FOR FACT MATRIX REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Reliability</li><li>b. Validity</li><li>c. Empirical data</li><li>d. Capability for flight use</li><li>e. Rejection/Addition rationale and support</li></ul>
0800-1030	2.	<p>REVIEW OF EACH MEASURE ON FACT MATRIX</p> <p>Process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Pick workload measure for discussion</li><li>2) Identify empirical material which provide evidence on validity and reliability of measure</li><li>3) Solicit change recommendations</li><li>4) Review evidence for change recommendations</li><li>5) Speaker Panel form recommendation</li><li>6) Repeat process for next measure</li></ul>
1030-1130	3.	<p>REVIEW MEASURES NOT PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED IN FACT MATRICES</p> <p>Process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Identify a new measure for inclusion</li><li>2) Review evidence for addition of measure</li><li>3) Speaker Panel form recommendation</li><li>4) Repeat process until no additional measures identified</li></ul>
1130-1200	4.	<p>FORMULATE SUMMARY REPORT</p> <p>Summarize:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>additional reference items</li><li>delete reference items</li><li>additional measures</li></ul>

## WORKLOAD FACT MATRIX REVIEW

The purpose of the Subgroup reviews is to modify the FACT MATRICES in a systematic and orderly fashion. The FACT MATRICES are basically locators for Reliability and Validity information for each Workload measurement type. We want you to add reference work to the FACT MATRICES if they contain Reliability and Validity information. We are not asking your panel to judge the quality of the information, but determine whether the material addresses the measure's Reliability or Validity. The evidence can be weak and still be acceptable for inclusion in the FACT MATRIX. On the other hand, if we entered references into the FACT MATRICES which are not appropriate or correct, we ask you to delete those items. Regardless of the modifications recommended by your subgroup, evidence must be given for the addition or deletion of items. It is up to the Speaker Panel to decide on the acceptability of the evidence and on the decision to add or subtract from the subgroup sessions and direct the decision process that the group employs to modify the FACT MATRICES.

We ask that each subgroup first employ the Anastasi and Guilford definitions of Validity and Reliability to the workload literature. We are aware that the workload field has not generally focused its resources on demonstrations of reliability because there is disagreement on the definitions and content areas of the workload construct. Therefore, after addressing the literature using the Anastasi and and Guilford criteria, you are free to employ the validity and reliability definitions of your choice to support the contention that a particular measure is valid and reliable. We only ask that you explicitly define these definitions in your justification for that measure. Remember the studies suitable for supporting validity or reliability must be empirical, not review or theory articles.

## VALIDITY DEFINITIONS

1. **FACE VALIDITY:** "... pertains to whether the test 'looks valid' to the subjects who take it, the administrative personnel who decide on its use, and other technically untrained observers."

**IMPORTANCE:** "Certainly if a test appears irrelevant, inappropriate, silly, or childish, the result will be poor cooperation, regardless of the actual validity of the test." ... "For example, if a test of simple arithmetic reasoning is constructed for use with machinists, the items should be worded in terms of machine operations rather than in terms of 'how many oranges can be purchased for 36 cents' of other traditional schoolbook problems."

**REFERENCE:** Anastasi, A. (1968). Psychological Testing. 3rd Edition, Macmillan, London, p. 104.

2. **CONTENT VALIDITY:** "... involves essentially the systematic examination of the test content to determine whether it covers a representative sample of the behavior domain to be measured." ... "The content area to be tested must be systematically analysed to make certain that all major aspects are adequately covered by the test items, and in the correct proportions."

**IMPORTANCE:** "... content validity depends on the relevance of the individual's test responses to the behavior area under consideration, rather than on the apparent relevance of item content."

**REFERENCE:** Anastasi, A. (1968). Psychological Testing. 3rd Edition, Macmillan, London, p. 100.

3. **CONSTRUCT VALIDITY:** "... is the extent to which the test may be said to measure a theoretical construct or trait." ... "requires the gradual accumulation of information from a variety of sources. Any data throwing light on the nature of the trait under consideration and the conditions affecting its development and manifestations are grist for this validity mill."

**IMPORTANCE:** "... construct validity is a comprehensive concept, which includes the other types. All specific techniques for establishing content and criterion-related validity ... could be listed again under construct validity."

**REFERENCE:** Anastasi, A. (1968). Psychological Testing. 3rd Edition, Macmillan, London, p. 114-5, 121.

4. **PREDICTIVE VALIDITY: (CRITERION RELATED VALIDITY)** "... indicates the effectiveness of a test in predicting an individual's behavior in specific situations."

**IMPORTANCE:** "For this purpose, performance on the test is checked against a criterion, i.e., a direct and independent measure of that which the test is designed to predict."

**REFERENCE:** Anastasi, A. (1968). Psychological Testing. 3rd Edition, Macmillan, London, p. 105.

## RELIABILITY DEFINITIONS

1. TEST-RETEST RELIABILITY: "The key concept for this (test-retest) procedure is that of stability. It answers the question concerning how stable or dependable are the measurements over a period of time."

IMPORTANCE: "High reliability of this kind tells us that the individuals remain rather uniform, or maintain their rank positions in spite of changes, in whatever psychological functions this test measures."

REFERENCE: Guilford, J. P. (1954). Psychometric Methods, 2nd Edition, McGraw Hill, New York, p. 374.

2. SPLIT HALF RELIABILITY: "The information sought (from fractionation of a test into two or more parts) concerns the equivalence of parts for measurement purposes, or the internal consistency of the test."

IMPORTANCE: "In the case of the split-half method, the Spearman-Brown formula has usually been applied to estimate the reliability of the test of full length from the obtained estimate of correlation of a test of half length."

REFERENCE: Guilford, J. P. (1954). Psychometric Methods, 2nd Edition, McGraw Hill, New York, p. 373.

3. ALTERNATE FORMS RELIABILITY: "... method bears resemblances to both the internal consistency approach and the retest approach. the end result is an index of how equivalent the psychological-measurement content of one form of the test is with the content of another."

IMPORTANCE: "... the alternate-forms method indicates both the equivalence of content and stability of performance." ... "Some investigators prefer the alternate-forms type to the internal consistency type of coefficient for the reason that they are interested in how much stability to expect of scores over time."

REFERENCE: Guilford, J. P. (1954). Psychometric Methods, 2nd Edition, McGraw Hill, New York, p. 374,5.

4. INTER-RATER RELIABILITY: "... rater intercorrelations, which indicate the internal consistency among raters. Such correlations have usually been regarded as indices of rating reliability ..."

IMPORTANCE: If raters agree, demonstrate high intercorrelations, then the number of raters required to generate a significant result can be reduced.

REFERENCE: Guilford, J. P. (1954). Psychometric Methods, 2nd Edition, McGraw Hill, New York, p. 286,7.

**ASSESSMENT FORM**

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**CHECK**

A. Content (If none are checked QUIT)

1st Init. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ 1 Workload Measurement Primary.

\_\_\_ 2 Workload Measurement Secondary.

2nd Init. \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OR NAME**

B. Quality of Review

\_\_\_ 1= Formal Review 2= Informal Review 3= No Reviewer

C. Quality of Data (If not 1-3 QUIT)

\_\_\_ 1= Experiment(s) 2= Case Study(s) 3= Theory/Review  
(Skip to F.) (Skip to H.)

D. \_\_\_\_\_ Experiment Name if more than one (One per form)

E. Highest Fidelity of Experiment

\_\_\_ 1= Actual Flight 2= Simulator 3= Applied lab. 4= Basic lab.

**CHECK**

F. Validities (If none are checked skip to G.)

\_\_\_ 1 Content.

\_\_\_ 2 Construct.

\_\_\_ 3 Predictive.

Independent  
Variables:

MEMO

G. Reliabilities

\_\_\_ 1 Test-retest.

\_\_\_ 2 Split half.

\_\_\_ 3 Alternate forms.

\_\_\_ 4 Inter rater.

H. Measure Types

Dependent  
Variables:

Subjective.

\_\_\_ 1 NASA Bipolar Scale

\_\_\_ 2 SWAT

\_\_\_ 3 WCI/TE

\_\_\_ 4 Modified Cooper Harper

\_\_\_ 5 Interviews

\_\_\_ 6 Surveys

\_\_\_ 7 Other Subjective Measures

Physiological.

\_\_\_ 8 Body Fluid

\_\_\_ 9 Brain Activity

\_\_\_ 10 Heart

\_\_\_ 11 Lung

\_\_\_ 12 Muscle

\_\_\_ 13 Skin

\_\_\_ 14 Vision

\_\_\_ 15 Voice

\_\_\_ 16 Other Physiological Measures

Performance.

\_\_\_ 17 Primary Task

\_\_\_ 17a Time

\_\_\_ 17b Position

\_\_\_ 17c Event

\_\_\_ 18 Normal Secondary Task

\_\_\_ 18a Time

\_\_\_ 18b Position

\_\_\_ 18c Event

\_\_\_ 19 Artificial Secondary Task

\_\_\_ 19a Time

\_\_\_ 19b Position

\_\_\_ 19c Event



I. Workload Types

- \_\_\_ 4a Degree of Mental.
- \_\_\_ 4b Duration of Mental.
- \_\_\_ 4c Degree of Physical.
- \_\_\_ 4d Duration of Physical.

J. Workload Functions

- \_\_\_ 1 Flight path control.
- \_\_\_ 2 Collision avoidance.
- \_\_\_ 3 Navigation.
- \_\_\_ 4 Communications.
- \_\_\_ 5 Operation and Monitoring.
- \_\_\_ 6 Command decisions.

K. Workload Factors (Task Demands)

- \_\_\_ 1 Normal Control.
- \_\_\_ 2 Normal Display.
- \_\_\_ 3 Normal Procedure.
- \_\_\_ 5 Normal Monitoring.
- \_\_\_ 8a Normal Communication.
- \_\_\_ 8b Normal Navigation.
- \_\_\_ 6 Non-normal Crew unavailability.
- \_\_\_ 7 Non-normal Automation.
- \_\_\_ 9 Non-normal Procedure.
- \_\_\_ 10 Non-normal Crew incapacitation.

FAR-25 WORKLOAD FACTOR 4c: DEGREE OF PHYSICAL

MEASURE	VALIDITY			RELIABILITY				APPLICA- BILITY
	CONTENT	CONSTRUCT	PREDICTIVE	TEST RETEST	SPLIT HALF	ALTERNATE FORMS	INTER RATER	
NASA Bipolar Scale	28 95 268 530	28 268 539				95		
SWAT	28 41 339 340 773	28 41 339 340 766 773	340 766 773			340 766		
WCI/TE	13 16 64 243 367 538	13 16 64 243 367	16 538	64	64	64	64	
Modified Cooper Harper	13 15 16 65 130(1) 159 175 183 225 243 344 367 436 459 492 496 509 538 540 583 669 735 762 778 793 799	13 15 16 65 130(1) 175 183 187 225 243 283 367 436 459 492 496 509 583 735 761 762 778 793	15 16 65 175 183 225 283 436 459 492 496 538 583 761 762 778	225 583		183 283 344 459 496 583 762 793	183 225 762	

**USAF/FAA REVIEW OF  
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VALIDITY, RELIABILITY, AND APPLICABILITY**

**FEBRUARY 24 AND 25, 1987  
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA**

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# **OBJECTIVES**

## **OBJECTIVE OF THE WORKSHOP**

- **GATHER INFORMATION FROM WORKLOAD EXPERTS REGARDING WHICH MEASURES HAVE EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THEIR RELIABILITY OR VALIDITY**

## **OBJECTIVE OF PANEL DISCUSSIONS**

- **PROVIDE AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE FACTS CONCERNING THE VALIDITY AND RELIABILITY OF WORKLOAD MEASURES**

## **OBJECTIVE OF THE SUBGROUP SESSIONS**

- **PROVIDE A MEANS FOR SYSTEMATICALLY REVIEWING AND MODIFYING THE FACT MATRICES**

**PROGRAM SCOPE**

**IDENTIFY EXISTING WORKLOAD MEASURES**

**EVALUATE MOST PROMISING MEASURES**

**EVALUATE MEASURES SUITABLE FOR FULL-MISSION SIMULATION OR IN-FLIGHT**

**EVALUATE TRANSPORT ENVIRONMENT**

# **WORKSHOP OUTPUT**

**COPIES OF VIEWGRAPH PRESENTATIONS**

**FINAL FORM OF FACT MATRICES**

**SURVEY OF WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS**

**SOME  
CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING CREW  
WORKLOAD EVALUATION DURING  
AIRCRAFT CERTIFICATION**

## **A DEFINITION**

**CERTIFICATION IS THE FORMAL PROCESS THROUGH  
WHICH THE AIRFRAME MANUFACTURER AND THE FAA ENSURE  
COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL AIR REGULATIONS**



# **CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

## **(GENERAL AND PERMANENT RULES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES)**

• 50 TITLES	TITLE 14 - AERONAUTICS AND SPACE
• SUBDIVIDED INTO CHAPTERS	CHAPTER I - THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
SUBCHAPTERS	SUBCHAPTER C - AIRCRAFT
PARTS	PART 25 - AIRWORTHINESS STANDARDS-TRANSPORT CATEGORY AIRCRAFT
SUBPARTS	SUBPART G - OPERATING LIMITATIONS AND INFORMATION
PARAGRAPHS	PARAGRAPH 25.1523 - MINIMUM FLIGHT CREW
APPENDICES AND AMENDMENTS	APPENDIX D - CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING MINIMUM FLIGHT CREW

# **WHO/WHAT GETS CERTIFIED**

<b>AIRCRAFT (TRANSPORT)</b>	<b>PART 25</b>
<b>AIRCRAFT NOISE STANDARDS</b>	<b>PART 36</b>
<b>PILOTS AND FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS</b>	<b>PART 61</b>
<b>AIRLINE OPERATORS</b>	<b>PART 121</b>
<b>PILOT TRAINING CENTERS</b>	<b>PART 141</b>
<b>AIRCRAFT REPAIR STATIONS</b>	<b>PART 145</b>

# **PARTICIPANTS IN THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS**

## **WHO CERTIFIES?**

### **THE FAA:**

- **ENGINEERS**
- **PILOTS**
- **NATIONAL RESOURCE SPECIALISTS**
- **DERs**
- **POLICY AND PROCEDURE SPECIALISTS**
- **ADMINISTRATORS**
- **MAINTENANCE SPECIALISTS**

## **WHO COMPLIES?**

- **AIRFRAME MANUFACTURERS**
- **EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS**
- **AIRLINES**

## **WHO CRITIQUES?**

- **EVERYONE, AND LOUDLY**

# **REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION**

**DEMONSTRATE TO THE FAA'S SATISFACTION THAT THE  
DESIGN IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE**

- **FARs**
- **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**
- **OPTIONAL CONDITIONS**

# METHODS OF DEMONSTRATING COMPLIANCE

MEET ADVISORY CIRCULAR STANDARDS

ISSUED BY FAA. NOT LEGALLY  
REQUIRED, BUT...

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ANALYSIS

DEMONSTRATION

MANUFACTURER PREPARES PLAN  
WHICH IS REVIEWED AND REVISED  
UNTIL APPROVED BY FAA. SUBMITTALS  
SUBSTANTIATE THAT THE APPROVED  
PLAN HAS BEEN FOLLOWED

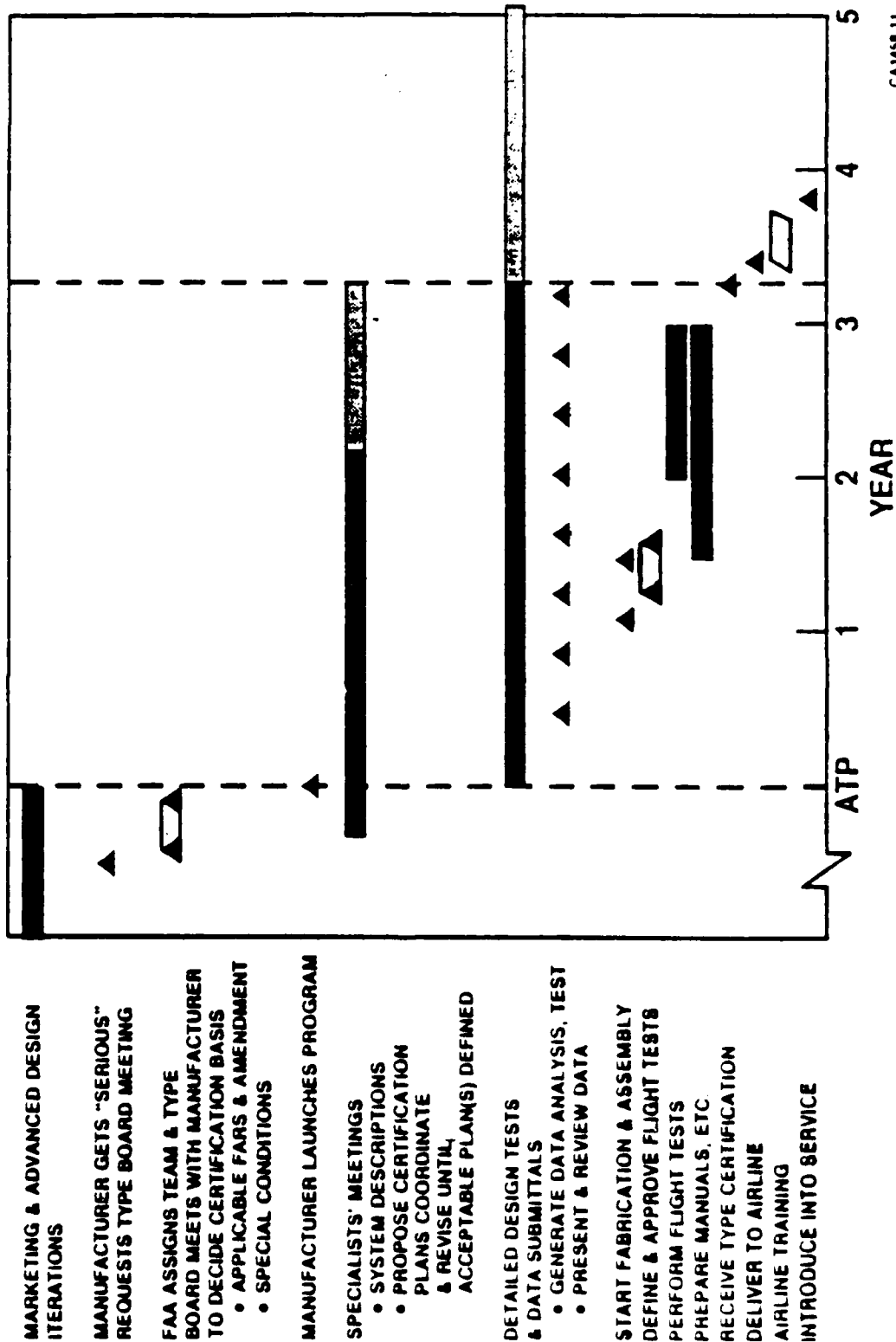
TEST

# REPRESENTATIVE FAR PARAGRAPHS

METHOD	EXAMPLE
DEMONSTRATION (1) (SUBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT)	§25.771. PILOT COMPARTMENT. MUST ALLOW THE MINIMUM FLIGHT CREW TO PERFORM THEIR DUTIES WITHOUT UNREASONABLE CONCENTRATION OR FATIGUE.
DEMONSTRATION (2)	§25.803. EMERGENCY EVACUATION. IT MUST BE SHOWN BY ACTUAL DEMONSTRATION THAT THE MAXIMUM SEATING CAPACITY, INCLUDING CREW MEMBERS, CAN BE EVACUATED FROM THE AIRPLANE TO THE GROUND WITHIN 90 SECONDS.
ANALYSIS (FORMAL APPLICATION OF KNOWN SCIENTIFIC LAWS TO REACH CONCLUSION)	§25.581. LIGHTNING PROTECTION. THE AIRPLANE MUST BE PROTECTED AGAINST CATASTROPHIC EFFECTS OF LIGHTNING FOR METALLIC COMPONENTS. COMPLIANCE MAY BE SHOWN BY (1) BONDING THE COMPONENTS PROPERLY TO THE AIRFRAME, OR (2) DESIGNING THE COMPONENTS SO THAT A STRIKE WILL NOT ENDANGER THE AIRCRAFT.
TEST (FLIGHT)	§25.203. STALL CHARACTERISTICS. FOR LEVEL WING STALLS, THE ROLL OCCURRING BETWEEN THE STALL AND THE COMPLETION OF THE RECOVERY MAY NOT EXCEED APPROXIMATELY 20 DEGREES.
TEST	§25.651. PROOF OF STRENGTH. LIMIT LOAD TESTS OF CONTROL SURFACES ARE REQUIRED. THESE TESTS MUST INCLUDE THE HORN OR FITTING TO WHICH THE CONTROL SYSTEM IS ATTACHED.

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# A REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM PROGRESSION



# **WHAT CERTIFICATION IS NOT**

**TRIVIAL, EASY, OR INEXPENSIVE**

**THE ONLY CHECK-AND-BALANCE ON SAFETY**

- **MANUFACTURER'S EMPHASIS**
- **DOES KEEP FROM BEING OVERCONFIDENT**

**A GUARANTEE OF PERFECT SAFETY**

**TOTALLY FREE OF SUBJECTIVITY**

- **2.5 g WINS**
- **1.5 g SAFETY FACTOR**
- **HANDLING QUALITIES**
- **90-SECOND EVACUATION**

**PERFECTLY CONSISTENT**

- **WITHIN PARAGRAPHS**
- **BETWEEN PROGRAMS**



# **CREW WORKLOAD IS A GROWING CONSIDERATION IN CERTIFICATION**

## **CHANGING TECHNOLOGY**

- **AUTOMATION**

## **CHANGING ENVIRONMENT**

- **ATC**
- **WEATHER**

## **ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS**

## **AIRLINE PILOT ASSOCIATION POSITION**

## **PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

## **MILITARY SYSTEMS**

## **INCREASING AWARENESS OF HUMAN FACTORS ISSUES**

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# **WORKLOAD ASSESSMENT - WHY CURRENT APPROACH IS NOT ADEQUATE**

## **HEAVY RELIANCE ON SUBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT**

- **PILOTS' JUDGEMENTS VARY**
- **PROBLEMS MAY BE DISCOVERED LATE**
- **FAA PILOTS HAVE HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY**

## **TASK/TIMELINE ANALYSIS HAS LIMITATIONS**

- **SERIAL/PARALLEL ACTIVITIES**
- **CONTINUOUS ACTIVITIES**
- **MENTAL WORKLOAD**

## **LACK OF STANDARDIZATION**

## **LACK OF EXPLICIT STANDARDS**

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# **GOALS OF THIS PROGRAM**

## **LONG TERM**

- **DEVELOP VALID, RELIABLE SENSITIVE MEASURES OF WORKLOAD THAT CAN BE READILY USED TO FACILITATE DESIGN AND CERTIFICATION OF COMPLEX SYSTEMS**
- **DEVELOP WORKLOAD STANDARDS THAT PROVIDE PASS-FAIL CRITERIA BASED ON DEMONSTRATED EFFECTS OF WORKLOAD ON PERFORMANCE**

## **NEAR TERM**

- **PROVIDE CLEAR, CONCRETE, CONCISE GUIDELINES THAT WILL RESULT IN THE APPLICATION OF THE BEST APPROACH TO WORKLOAD ASSESSMENT BASED ON AVAILABLE KNOWLEDGE**

## **FAR RELEVANT TO CREW WORKLOAD**

### **§ 25.1523 MINIMUM FLIGHT CREW**

**THE MINIMUM FLIGHT CREW MUST BE ESTABLISHED SO THAT IT IS SUFFICIENT FOR SAFE OPERATION, CONSIDERING:**

- (a) THE WORKLOAD ON INDIVIDUAL CREW MEMBERS;**
- (b) THE ACCESSIBILITY AND EASE OF OPERATION OF NECESSARY CONTROLS BY THE APPROPRIATE CREW MEMBER; AND**
- (c) THE KIND OF OPERATION AUTHORIZED UNDER § 25.1525. THE CRITERIA USED IN MAKING THE DETERMINATIONS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION ARE SET FORTH IN APPENDIX D**

# APPENDIX D - SUMMARY

## CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING MINIMUM FLIGHT CREW

### (a) BASIC WORKLOAD FUNCTIONS

- (1) FLIGHT PATH CONTROL
- (2) COLLISION AVOIDANCE
- (3) NAVIGATION
- (4) COMMUNICATIONS
- (5) OPERATING AND MONITORING OF AIRCRAFT ENGINES AND SYSTEMS
- (6) COMMAND SYSTEMS

### (b) WORKLOAD FACTORS

- (1) ACCESSIBILITY, EASE, AND SIMPLICITY OF OPERATION . . . CONTROLS
  - (2) ACCESSIBILITY AND CONSPICUITY OF . . . INSTRUMENTS . . .
  - (3) NUMBER, URGENCY, AND COMPLEXITY OF OPERATING PROCEDURES
  - (4) THE DEGREE AND DURATION OF CONCENTRATED MENTAL AND PHYSICAL EFFORT IN NORMAL OPERATION IN DIAGNOSING AND COPING WITH MALFUNCTIONS AND EMERGENCIES
  - (5) THE EXTENT OF REQUIRED MONITORING OF . . . SYSTEMS
  - (6) THE ACTIONS REQUIRING A CREW MEMBER TO BE UNAVAILABLE AT HIS ASSIGNED STATION . . .
  - (7) THE DEGREE OF AUTOMATION PROVIDED . . .
  - (8) THE COMMUNICATIONS AND NAVIGATIONS WORKLOAD
  - (9) THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED WORKLOAD ASSOCIATED WITH AN EMERGENCY LEADING TO OTHER EMERGENCIES
  - (10) INCAPACITATION OF A CREW MEMBER
- (c) KIND OF OPERATION AUTHORIZED (ASSUMED IFR, UNLESS . . .)

# **DESIRABLE ATTRIBUTES OF WORKLOAD MEASURE**

**VALIDITY - WILL THE MEASURE REALLY REFLECT "WORKLOAD"?**

**RELIABILITY - WILL THE MEASURE BE CONSISTENT?**

**SENSITIVITY - WILL SMALL BUT MEANINGFUL DIFFERENCES BE DISCRIMINATED?**

**UTILITY - CAN MEASUREMENT PROCESS BE PERFORMED IN REPRESENTATIVE ENVIRONMENTS?**

**COMPREHENSIVENESS - CAN DIFFERENT WORKLOAD TYPES BE COMPARED?**

**ACCEPTANCE - WILL ALL IMPACTED PARTIES ACCEPT THE RESULTS?**

**REASONABLE COSTS**

**QUICK TURNAROUND**

**CAN BE APPLIED THROUGHOUT DESIGN PROCESS**

**PROVIDES DIAGNOSTIC CAPABILITY (HELPS TO DETERMINE CHANGES TO CORRECT CONDITION)**

**NON-INTERFERING/UNOBTRUSIVE**

**ACCOMMODATES INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES**

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## **NEED FOR WORKLOAD STANDARD(S)**

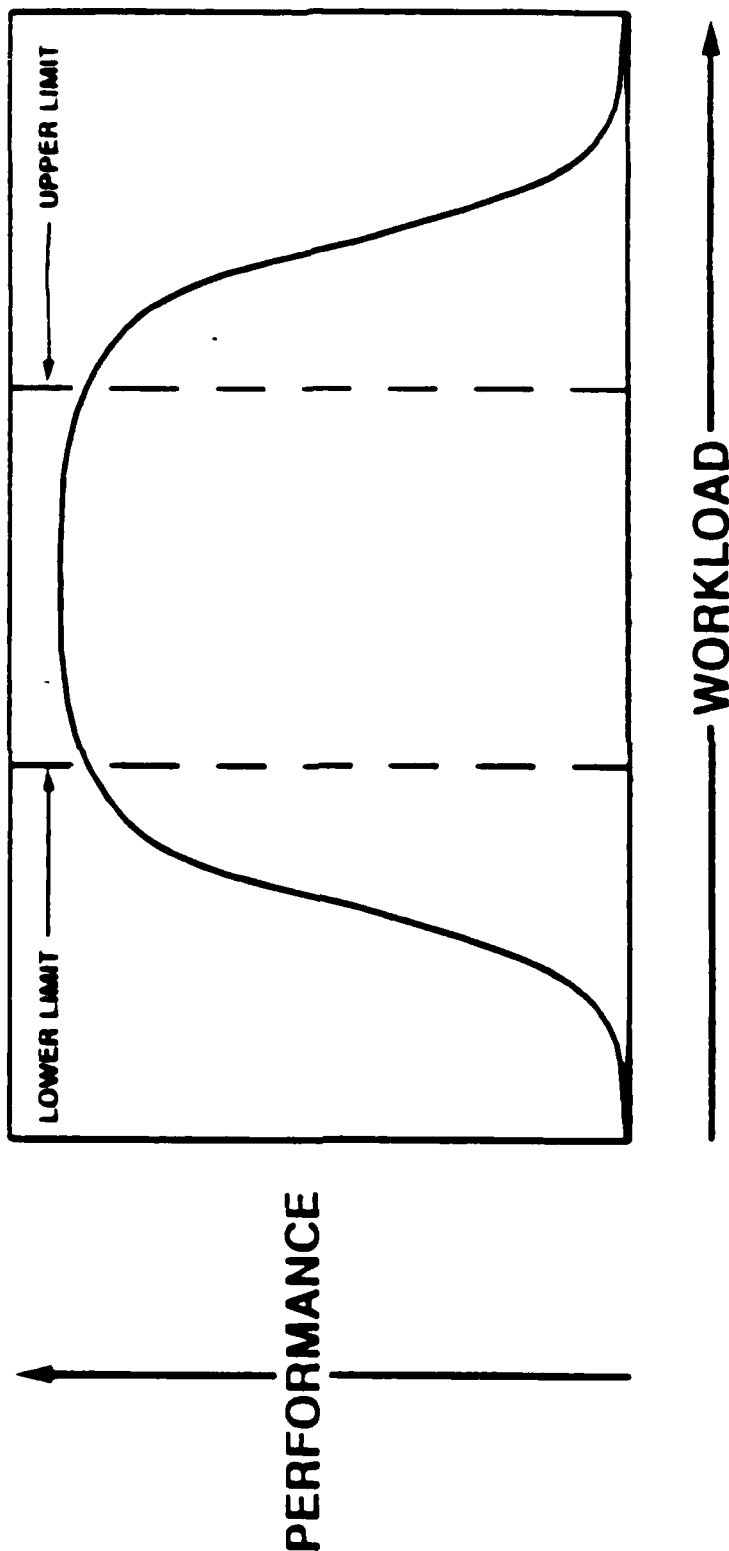
**CERTIFICATION IMPLIES A PASS-FAIL CRITERION**

21 **ACCURATE, RELIABLE MEASUREMENT IS FIRST STEP**

**MUST DETERMINE WHEN WORKLOAD IS OUTSIDE ACCEPTABLE LIMITS**

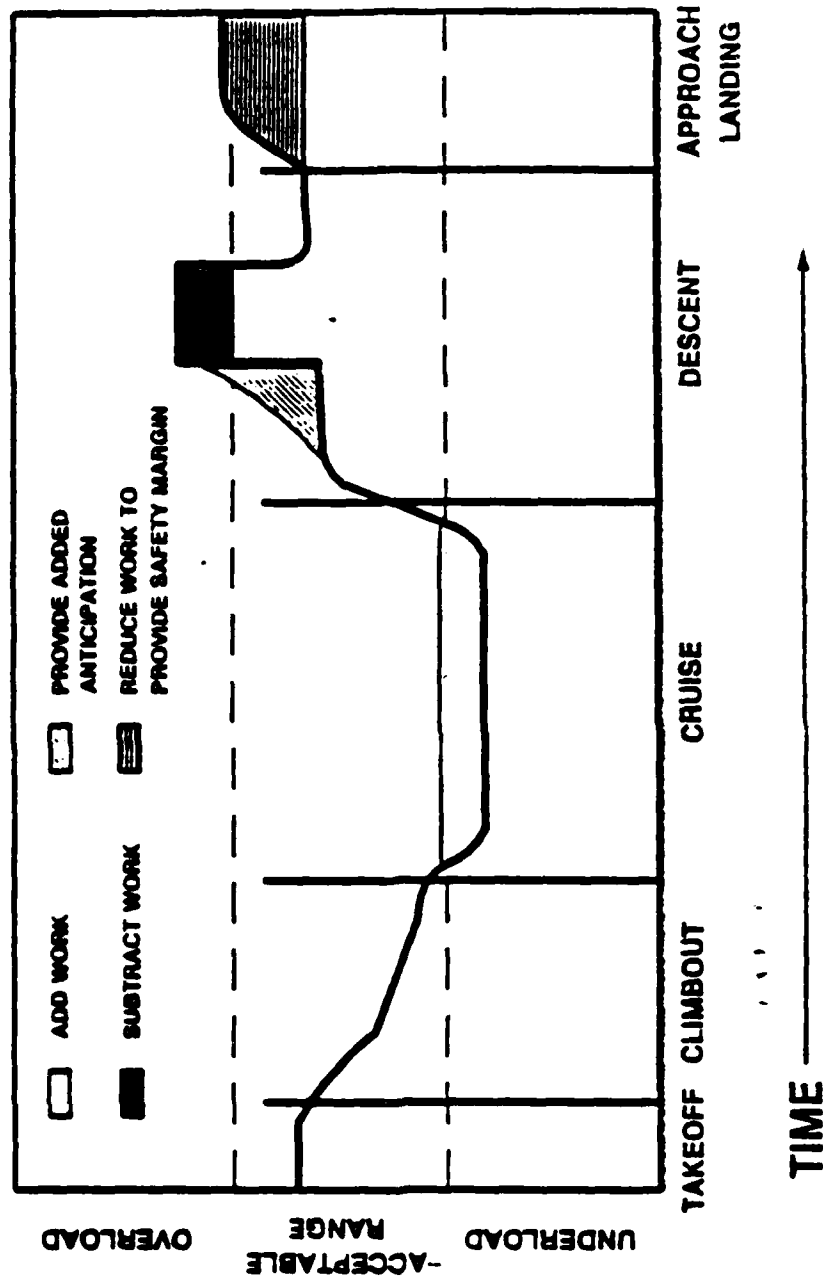
**FOR CERTIFICATION, "ACCEPTABLE" RELATES TO SAFETY OF FLIGHT**

# HYPOTHEZED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WORKLOAD AND PERFORMANCE



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WORKLOAD

# **RELATED ISSUES**

**CREW DUTY TIME**

**REST REQUIREMENTS**

**DESYNCHRONOSIS**

**SLEEP LOSS**

**FATIGUE**

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## **DESIRABLE OUTCOMES OF PROGRAM**

**MEASURE(S) WITH ALL ATTRIBUTES PREVIOUSLY LISTED**

**METHODS FOR ACCOMMODATING CHANGE EASILY**

- **IMPROVEMENTS IN MEASUREMENT METHODS**
- **CHANGING JOB DEMANDS**

**STANDARDS FOR ACCEPTABLE WORKLOAD**

- **HIGH WORKLOAD**
- **LOW WORKLOAD**

## **SOME DIFFICULT ISSUES**

**CERTIFICATION OF DERIVATIVES**

**CREW CROSS-CERTIFICATION/COMMON TYPE RATING**

**CONSISTENCY OF APPLICATION**

**EFFECTS OF TRAINING/EXPERIENCE ON WORKLOAD**

**STANDARDIZATION VERSUS FLEXIBILITY FOR INNOVATION  
AND IMPROVEMENT**

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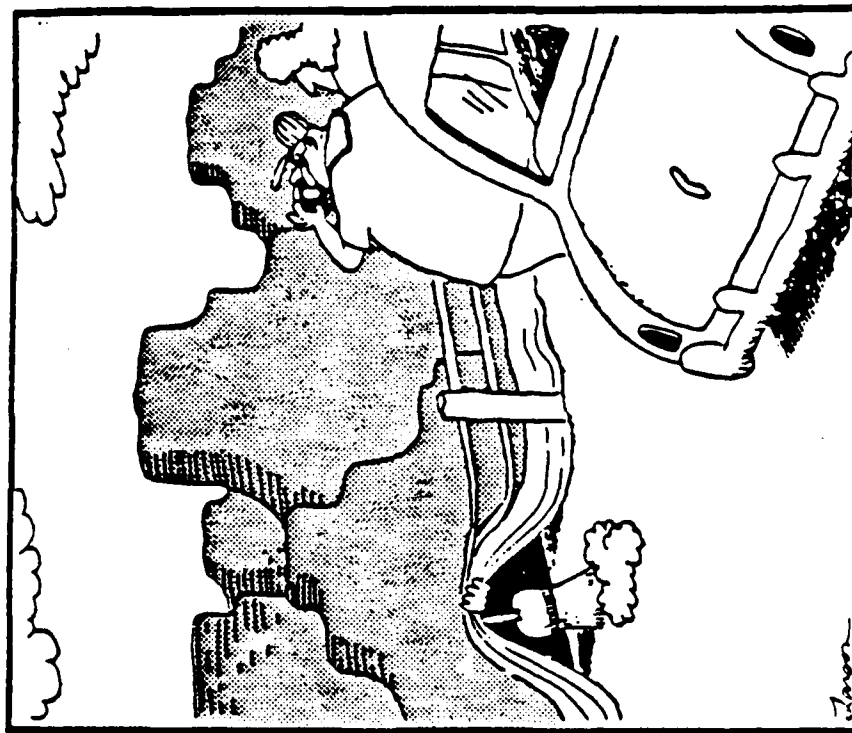
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**METHODOLOGICAL PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH OBTAINING  
VALID AND RELIABLE MEASURES OF WORKLOAD  
DURING AIRCRAFT CERTIFICATION**

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**VALIDITY — ARE YOU MEASURING WHAT YOU THINK  
YOU ARE MEASURING?**



LARSON, 1987



## VALIDITY AND RELIABILITY

VALIDITY "... concerns what a test measures and how well it does so." (Anastasi)

"No test (or measure) can be said to have "high" or "low" validity in the abstract. Its validity must be determined with reference to the particular use for which the test (or measure) is being considered." (Anastasi)

RELIABILITY - "Common synonyms for reliability include dependability, consistency, and stability." (Guilford)

"Despite optimum testing conditions, however, no test is a perfectly reliable instrument. Hence, every test should be accompanied by a statement of its reliability." (Anastasi)

# **VALIDITY**

## **PRINCIPAL CATEGORIES (APA, 1966)**

- **CONSTRUCT (SENSITIVITY TO VARIOUS TYPES)**
- **CONTENT (TYPES OF MENTAL OR PHYSICAL WORKLOAD)**
- **CRITERION-RELATED (PREDICTIVE)**

## **MAJOR VALIDITY CONCERNS**

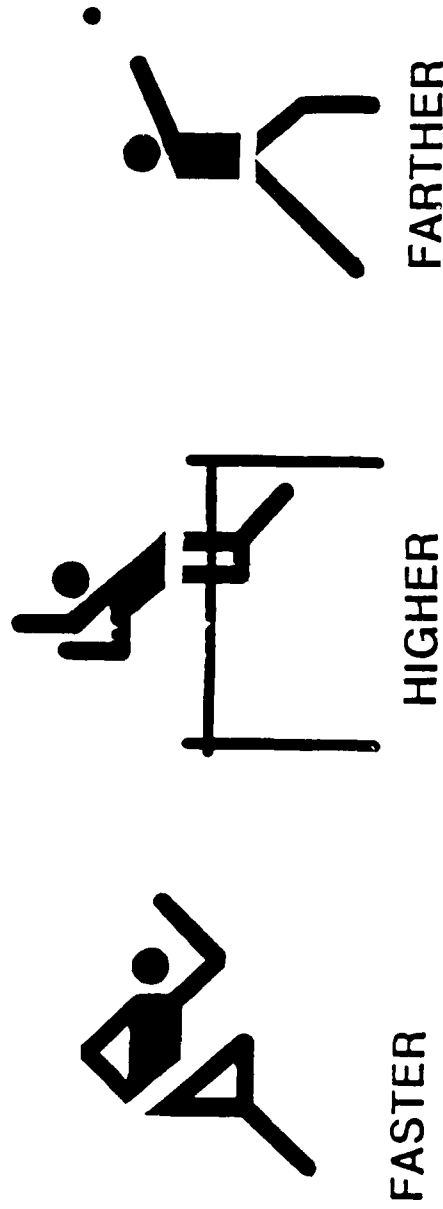
- **INTERNAL (CONFOUNDING)**
- **EXTERNAL (GENERALIZABILITY)**
- **DISCRIMINANT/CONVERGENT  
(DIFFERENTIALLY/COMMONLY SENSITIVE)**
- **FACE (LOOKS VALID)**

## CONSTRUCT VALIDITY

(Example: Best Human Athlete)

"... is the extent to which the test may be said to measure a theoretical construct..." (Anastasi)

"... construct validity is a comprehensive concept, which includes the other types. All specific techniques for establishing content and criterion-related validity... could be listed again under construct validity." (Anastasi)

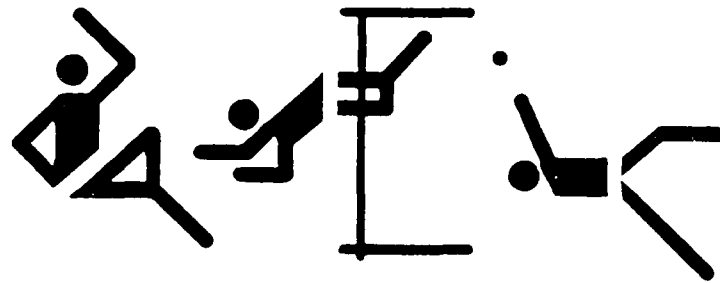


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# CONTENT VALIDITY

(Example: Best Human Athlete)

"... determine whether it (the test) covers a representative sample of the behavior domain to be measured." (Anastasi)



DECATHLON EVENT	SCORE
100-m dash	x
400-m dash	x
1,500-m run	x
110-m hurdles	x
Long jump	x
High jump	x
Pole vault	x
Javelin throw	x
Shot put	x
Discus throw	x
TOTAL	<hr/> x,xxx

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**CRITERION-RELATED VALIDITY  
(PREDICTIVE)**

**(EXAMPLE: BEST HUMAN ATHLETE)**

**TOTAL DECATHLON SCORE      →      100-METER DASH TIME**

**OR**

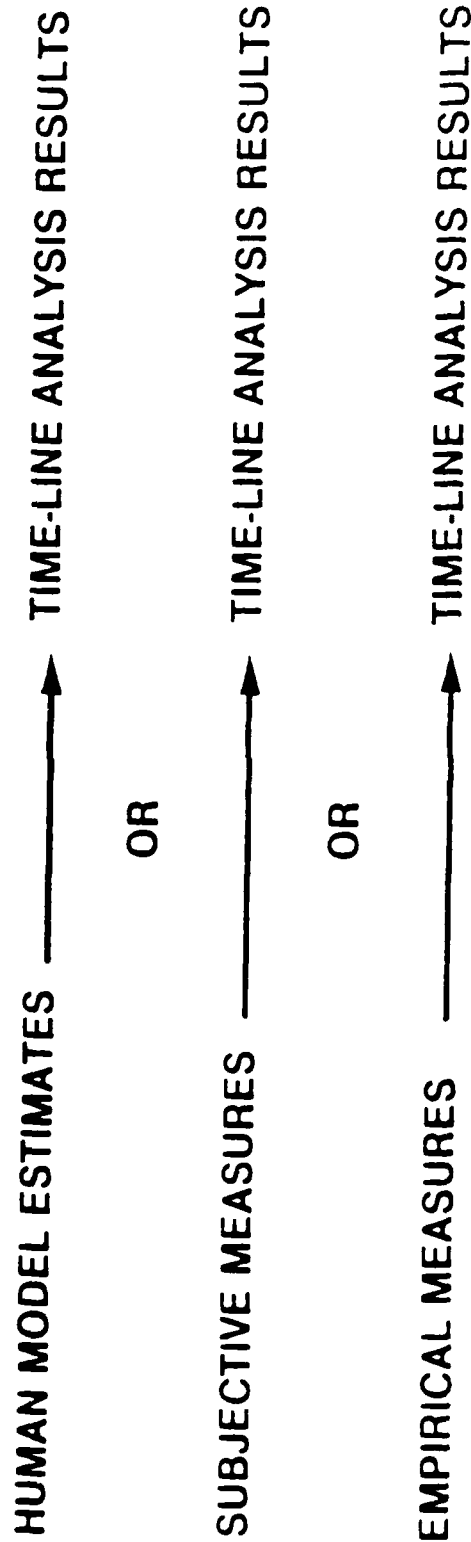
**400-METER DASH TIME      →      100-METER DASH TIME**

**OR**

**PAST 100-METER DASH TIMES      →      100-METER DASH TIME**

# CRITERION-RELATED VALIDITY (PREDICTIVE)

(EXAMPLE: PHYSICAL AND MENTAL WORKLOAD)



# **CONTENT VALIDITY**

**(TYPES OF MENTAL OR PHYSICAL WORKLOAD)**

**TYPES OF MENTAL/PHYSICAL WORKLOAD PRESENT?**

- **FLIGHT PATH CONTROL**
- **COLLISION AVOIDANCE**
- **NAVIGATION**
- **COMMUNICATIONS**
- **OPERATIONS AND MONITORING**
- **COMMAND DECISIONS**

**IMPACT ON SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT**

**PROBLEM OF SEPARATING WORKLOAD TYPES**

**(FAR 25.1523, APPENDIX D)**

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# **CONSTRUCT VALIDITY**

**(SENSITIVITY TO VARIOUS TYPES)**

**DIFFERENCES, NOT ABSOLUTE WORKLOAD LEVELS**

**SENSITIVITY (PROBLEMS OF UNDERLOAD)**

**CONVERGENT/DIVERGENT SENSITIVITY**

**UNITARY MEASURES VERSUS A BATTERY**



# **CRITERION-RELATED VALIDITY**

## **(PREDICTIVE)**

### **ROLE OF TIME-LINE ANALYSIS IN CERTIFICATION**

- **PREDICTION OR DIAGNOSIS?**
  - **PREDICTION - WORKLOAD MEASURE RELATED TO FUTURE OUTCOMES**
  - **DIAGNOSIS - WORKLOAD MEASURES RELATED TO EXISTING CONDITIONS**

# **INTERNAL VALIDITY**

## **(LOGICAL CORRECTNESS OF CONCLUSIONS)**

### **SOURCE OF CONFOUNDING (FACTORS JEOPARDIZING INTERNAL VALIDITY)**

- HISTORY/ORDER EFFECTS/FATIGUE
- TESTING/LEARNING
- CHANGES IN INSTRUMENTATION OR OBSERVERS
- GROUP SELECTION BASED ON EXTREME SCORES
- DIFFERENTIAL LOSS OF SUBJECTS

### **PROBLEM OF EXPERIMENTER CONTROL OVER PILOT-SELECTED BEHAVIOR**

#### **UNCONTROLLED VARIABLES**

- DIFFERENCES IN SKILL
- PERSONAL EVENTS
- MOTIVATION

#### **NUMBER OF SUBJECTS**

## **EXTERNAL VALIDITY**

### **(GENERALIZABILITY OF CONCLUSIONS)**

**THIS EFFECT CAN BE GENERALIZED TO WHICH POPULATIONS, SETTINGS, OR MEASURES?**

**SOME FACTORS JEOPARDIZING EXTERNAL VALIDITY**

- **FACE VALIDITY**
- **PILOT ACCEPTANCE OF METHODS**
- **KEY MOTIVATIONAL VARIABLES ARE ABSENT**
- **REACTIVE EFFECTS OF "BEING TESTED" (INTRUSION)**
- **MULTIPLE TREATMENT INTERFERENCE**
- **INTERACTION OF SELECTION BIAS AND EXPERIMENTAL VARIABLES**

**DISCRIMINANT/CONVERGENT VALIDITY**

**TRADE OFF EXTERNAL/INTERNAL VALIDITY**

**RELIABILITY**

**TEST-RETEST**

**ALTERNATE FORMS**

**INTER-RATER**

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## RELIABILITY — CONSISTENCY OF ESTIMATES



TRYING TO DESCRIBE THE  
SIZE OF THE BIG BANG

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# TEST-RETEST RELIABILITY

(EXAMPLE: 100-METER DASH IN SECONDS)

ATHLETE

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6

HIGH RELIABILITY

TEST	RETEST
10	9.5
10.5	10
11	10.5
11.5	11
12	11.5
12.5	12

$$r = 1.0$$

LOW RELIABILITY

TEST	RETEST
10	11
10.5	10.5
11	9.5
11.5	12
12	10
12.5	11.5

$$r = 0.2$$

# **TEST-RETEST RELIABILITY** **(EXAMPLE OF A BATTERY: DECATHLON SCORES)**

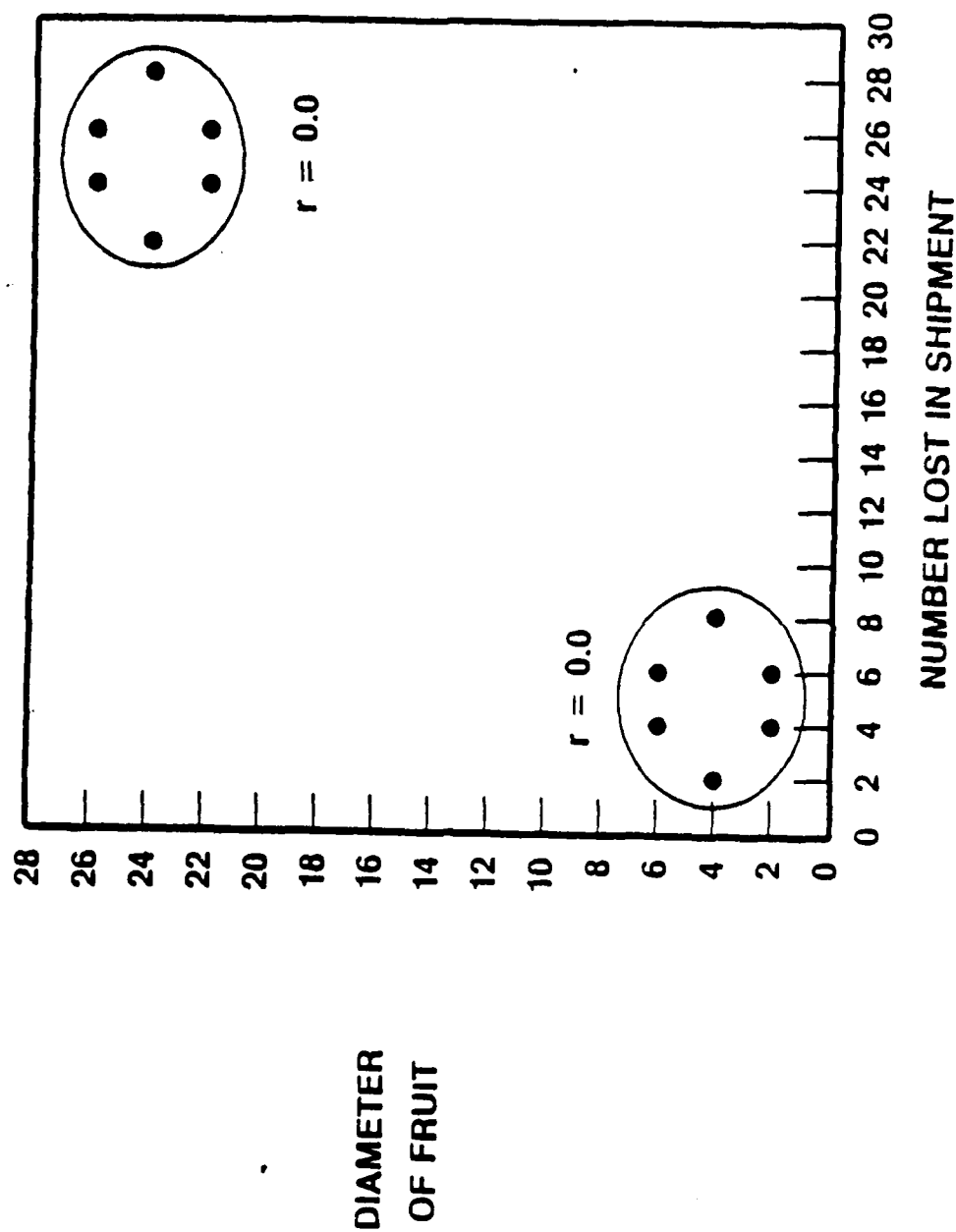
100-m dash	11 s	11 s	16 s
400-m dash	46 s	47 s	23 s
1,500-m run	240 s	245 s	360 s
110-m hurdle	14 s	13 s	21 s
Long jump	8 m	8 m	4 m
High jump	2 m	2 m	1 m
Pole vault	5 m	5 m	8 m
Javelin throw	90 m	92 m	135 m
Shot put	18 m	17 m	9 m
Discus throw	60 m	61 m	30 m

$r = 0.99$

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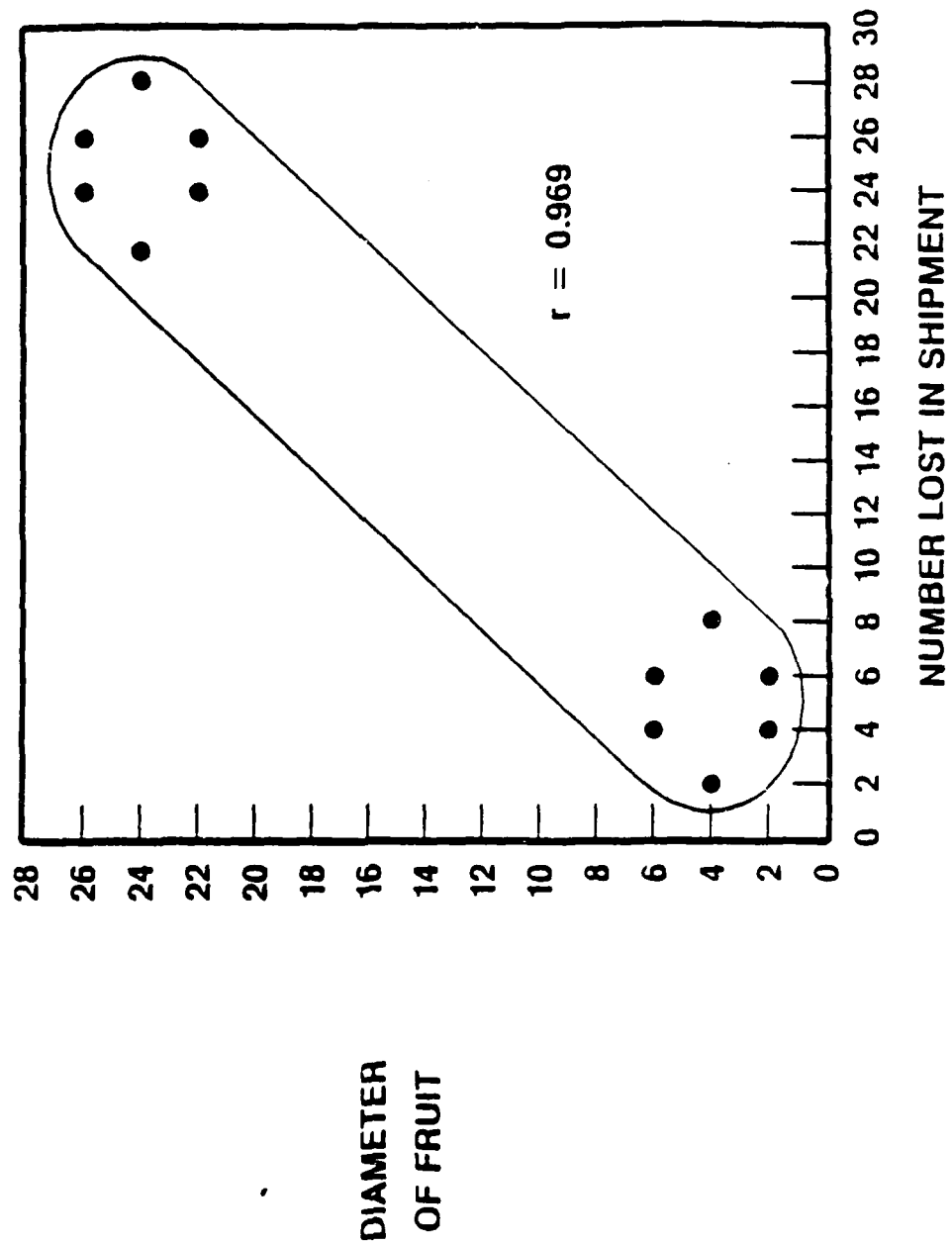
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# APPLES AND CANTALOUPE





# APPLES AND CANTALOUPE



# INTER-RATER RELIABILITY

(Example: Platform Dive)



## Low Reliability

Judge	1	2	3	4	5
	8.2	9.7	8.4	8.1	6.0

## High Reliability

Judge	1	2	3	4	5
	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.1	8.4

# TEST-RETEST/ALTERNATE FORMS RELIABILITY

## CONSISTENCY OF SCORES FOR A GROUP OF PILOTS

### TWO METHODS HAVE SIMILARITIES

- TEST-RETEST . . . "Answers the question concerning how stable or dependable are the measurements over time." (Guilford)
- ALTERNATE FORMS . . . "Indicates both the equivalence of content and the stability of performance." (Guilford)

## **INTER-RATER RELIABILITY**

**"If raters agree (or a measure is consistent), then the number of raters (pilots) required to generate a confident decision can be reduced." (Anastasi)**

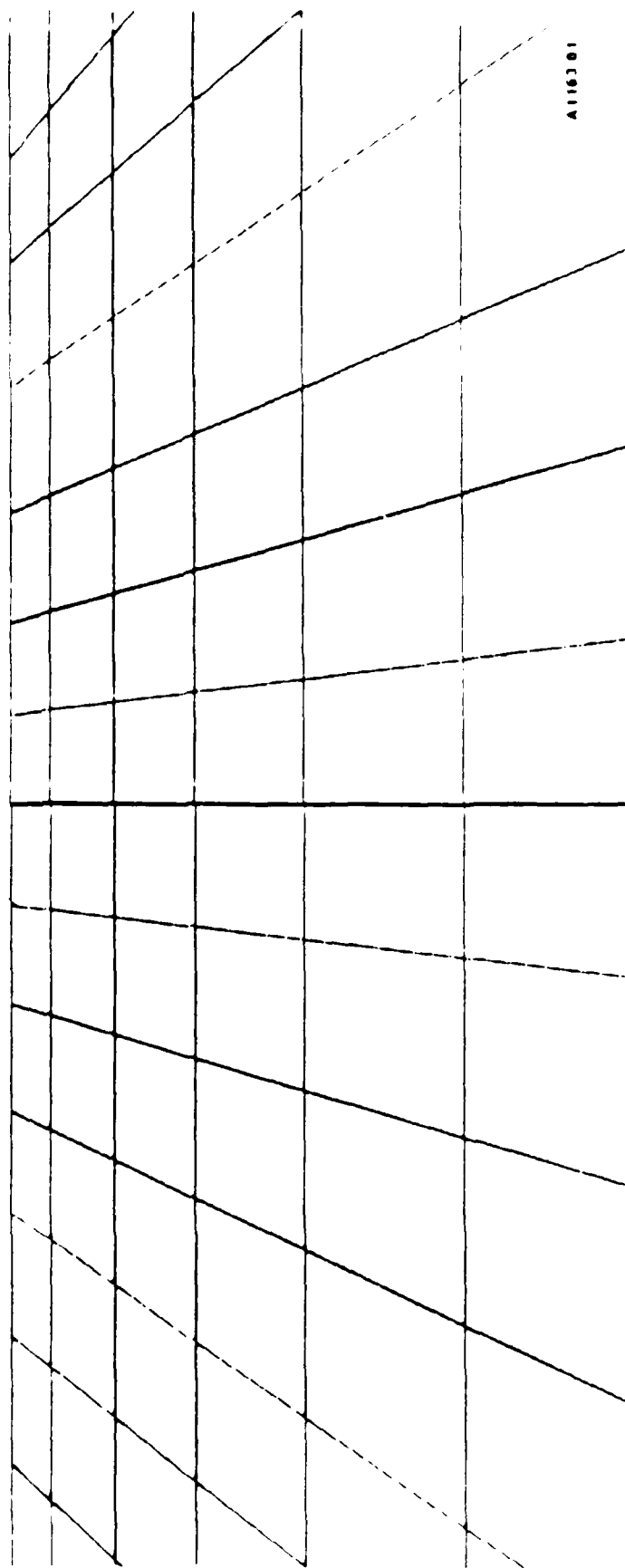
**CONSISTENCY OF SCORES AMONG A GROUP OF PILOTS  
INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES**

# **ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF ESTABLISHING RELIABILITY**

**REPLICATION OF RESULTS UNDER  
SIMILAR TEST CONDITIONS**

**OTHERS**

# **Practicality and Applicability Considerations for Workload Certification Measurement Techniques**



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# **Practicality**

- **Costs incurred**
- **Time constraints**
- **Equipment constraints**

# Costs Incurred

- Equipment costs
- Installation and preparation costs
- Time and schedule impact
- Flight and simulation costs
- Documentation costs



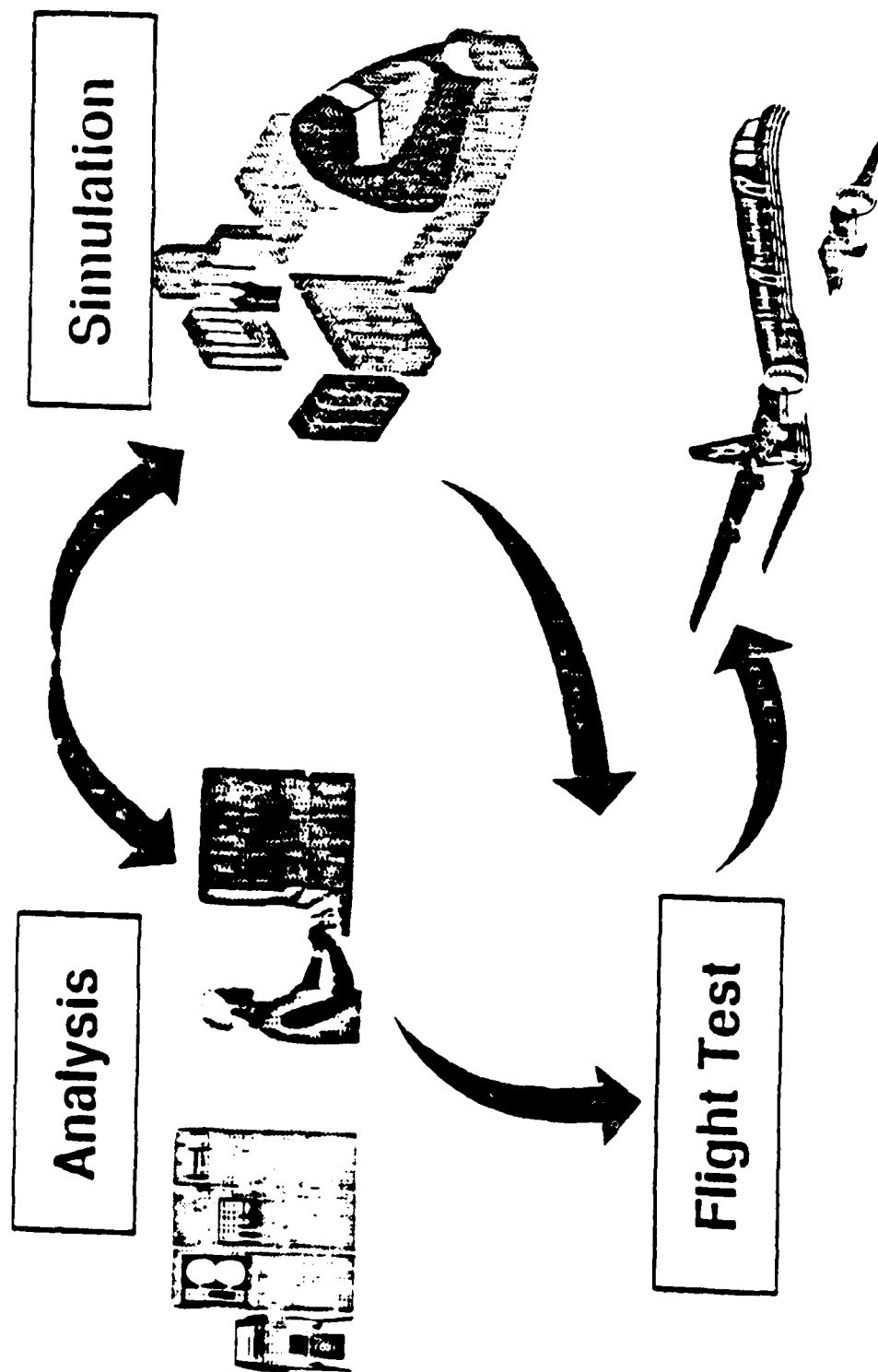
# Time Constraints

- Certification program schedule
- Production schedules
- Delivery schedules

# **Equipment Constraints**

- **Limited hardware space**
- **Limited panel space**
- **Large distance between pilot and data collection hardware**
- **Potential signal interference**
- **Inability to change flight deck configuration**

# Crew Workload Assessment



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# **Applicability**

- **Environmental considerations**
- **Pilot acceptance**
- **Certification considerations**

# Environmental Considerations

- Must be capable of gathering data under the constraints of the flight environment
  - Part-task simulation
  - Full mission simulation
  - Flight test
- Will be applied to multidimensional task demands that could include unpredictable variations

# Pilot Acceptance

- Nonintrusive to flight task
- Compatible with flight safety
- Compatible with normal methods of operation
- Responsive to crew self-image
- Noncareer threatening

# Certification Considerations

- Minimal interference with other certification flight test activities
- Technique should be appropriate for the specific phase and objectives of the certification program
- Initial efforts concentrate on those aspects that have changed from the reference aircraft

# Arrival Workload Functions: Normal Operations

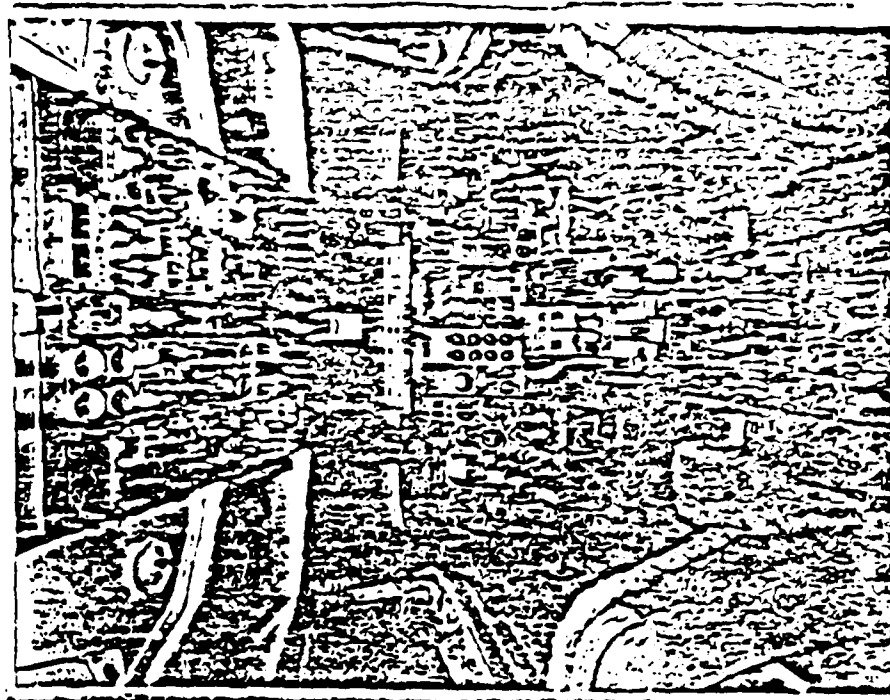
Compare 757/767 flightcrew operations with your reference airplane

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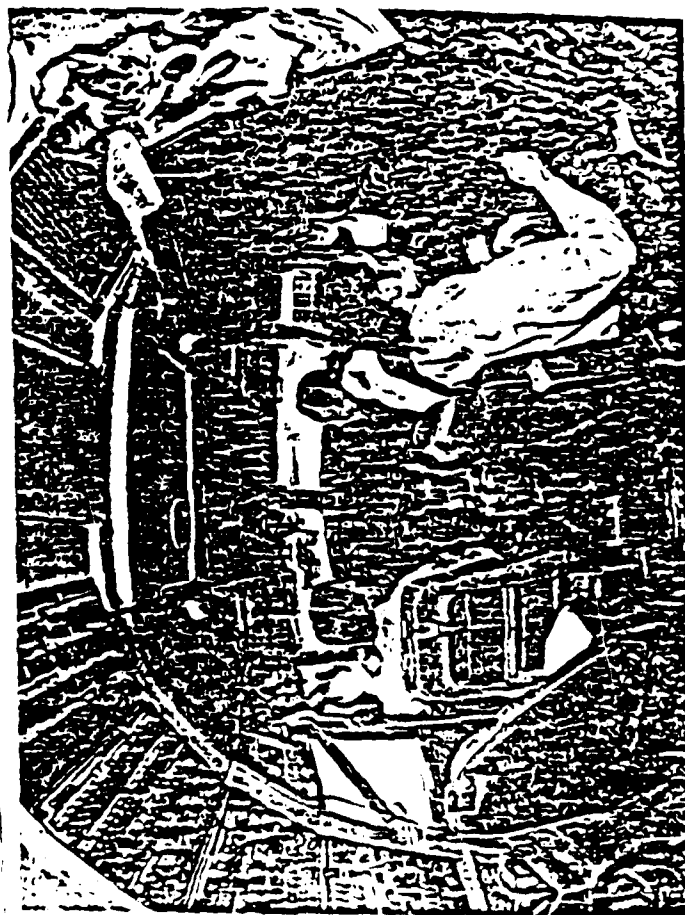


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 727 vs. 737 Flight Decks

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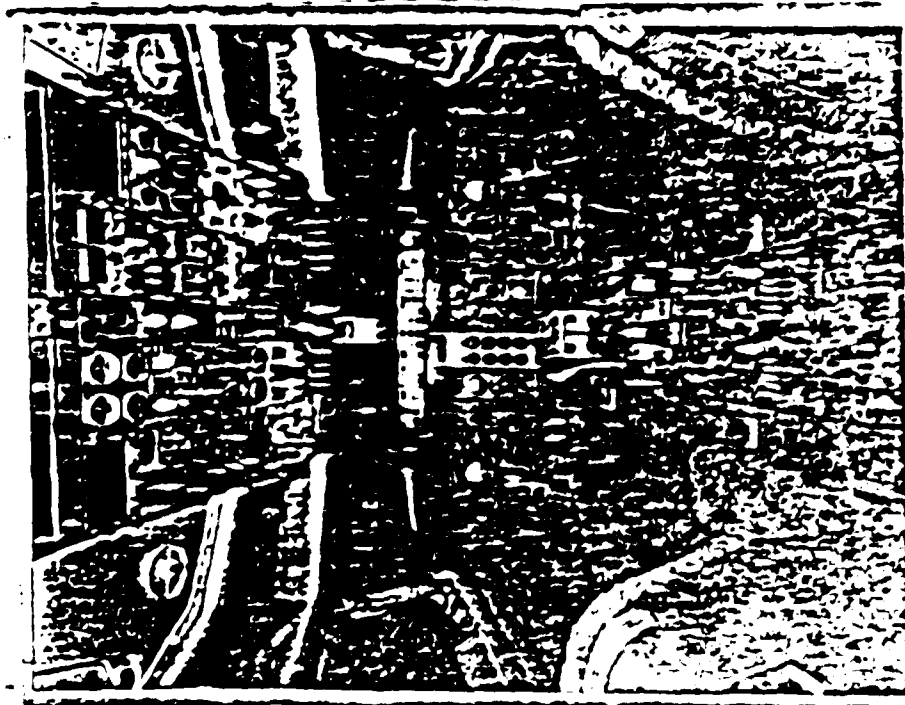


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# Grow Functions

Flight Supervisor

Handling Unusual

Visual Observation

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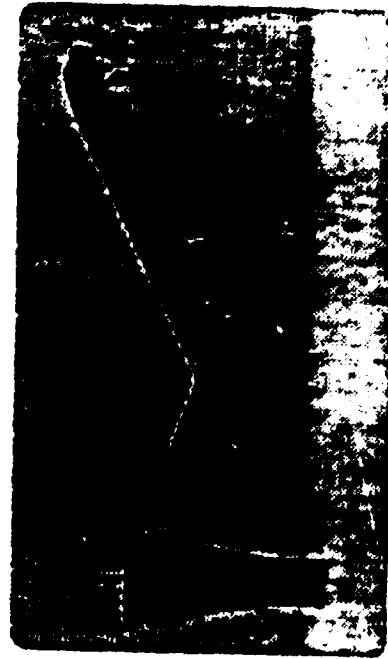
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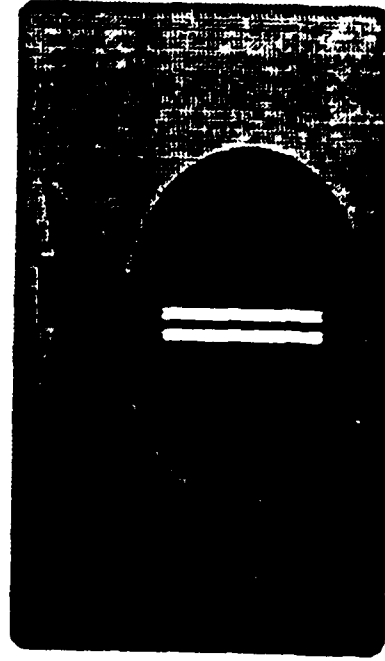
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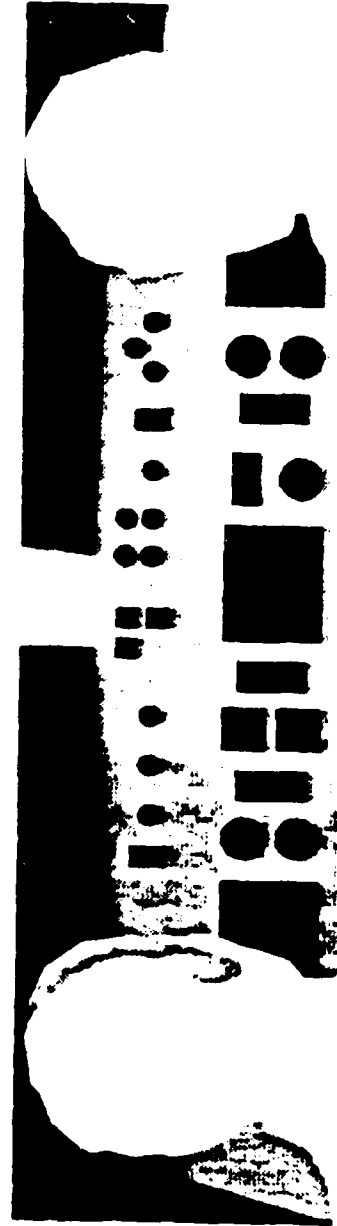
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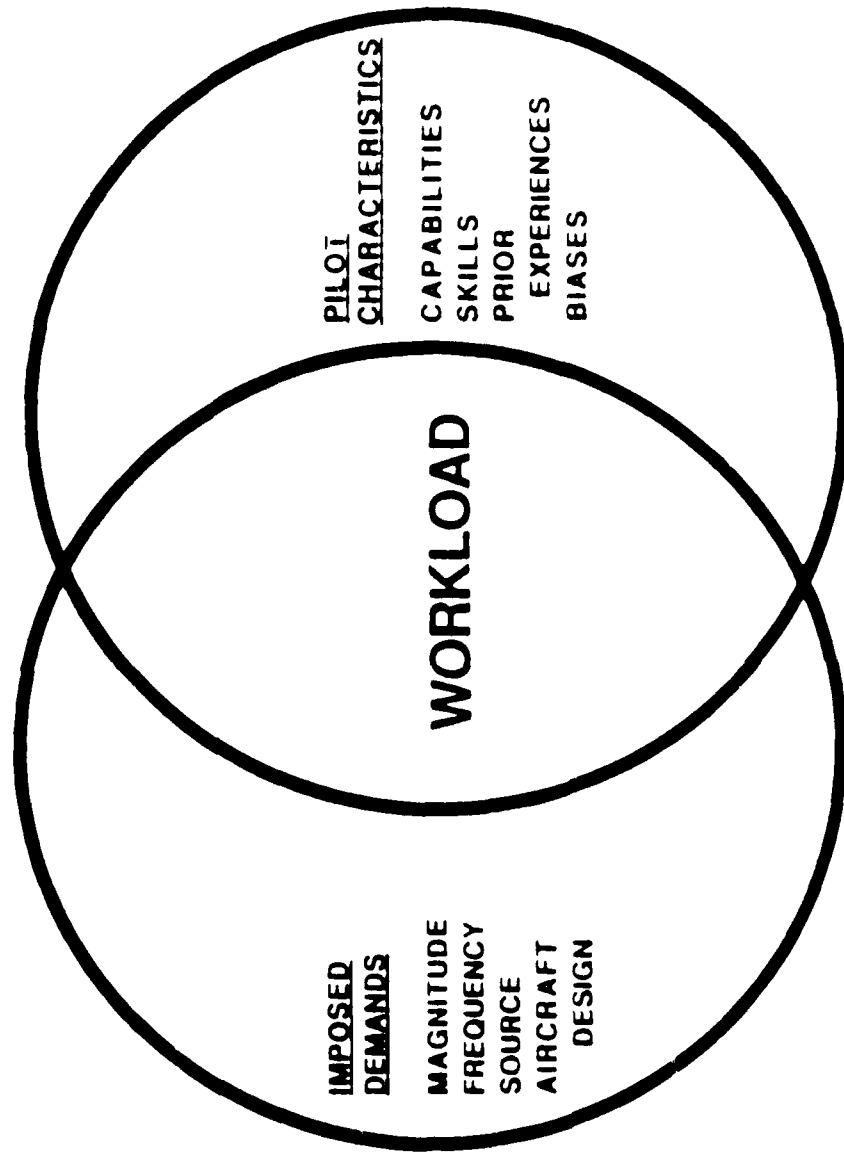
# **REVIEW OF SUBJECTIVE METHODS FOR MEASURING PILOT WORKLOAD**

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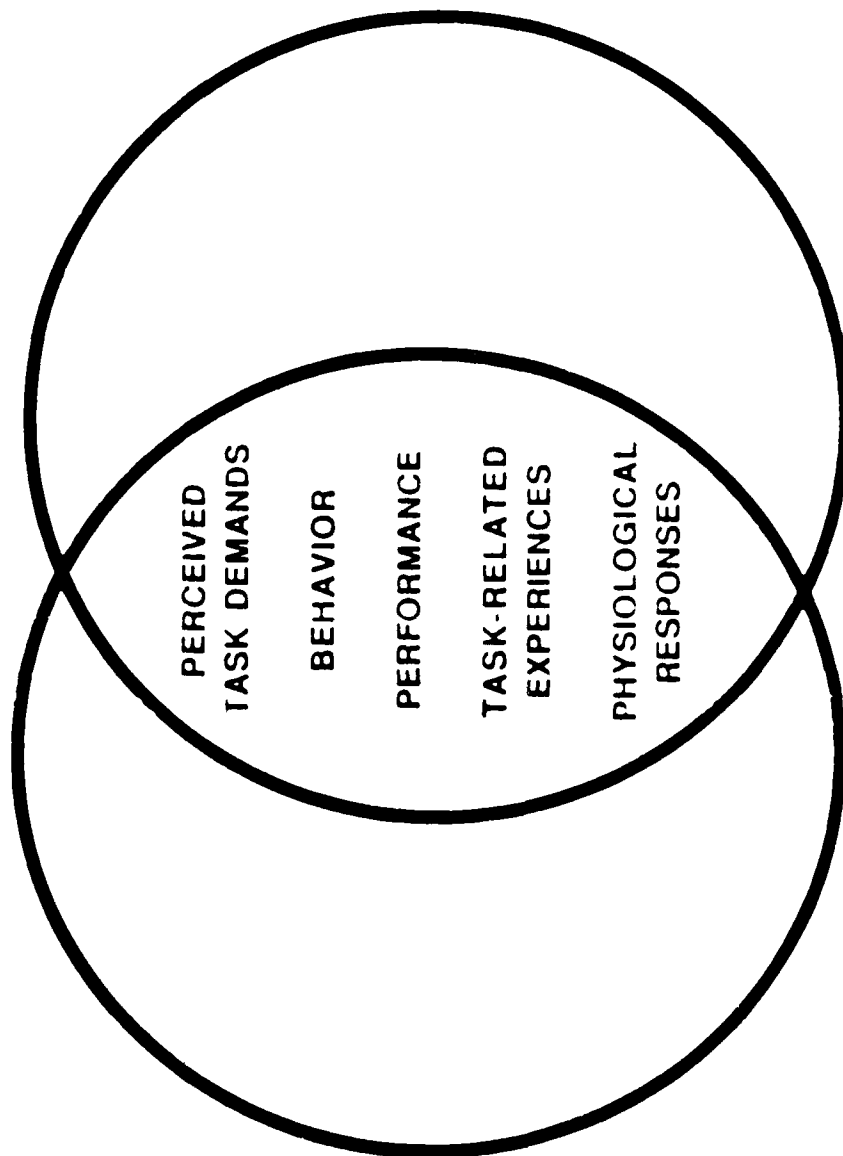
**PRESENTED AT THE WORKLOAD MEASUREMENT WORKSHOP  
LONG BEACH, CA  
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## WORKLOAD: DEFINITION

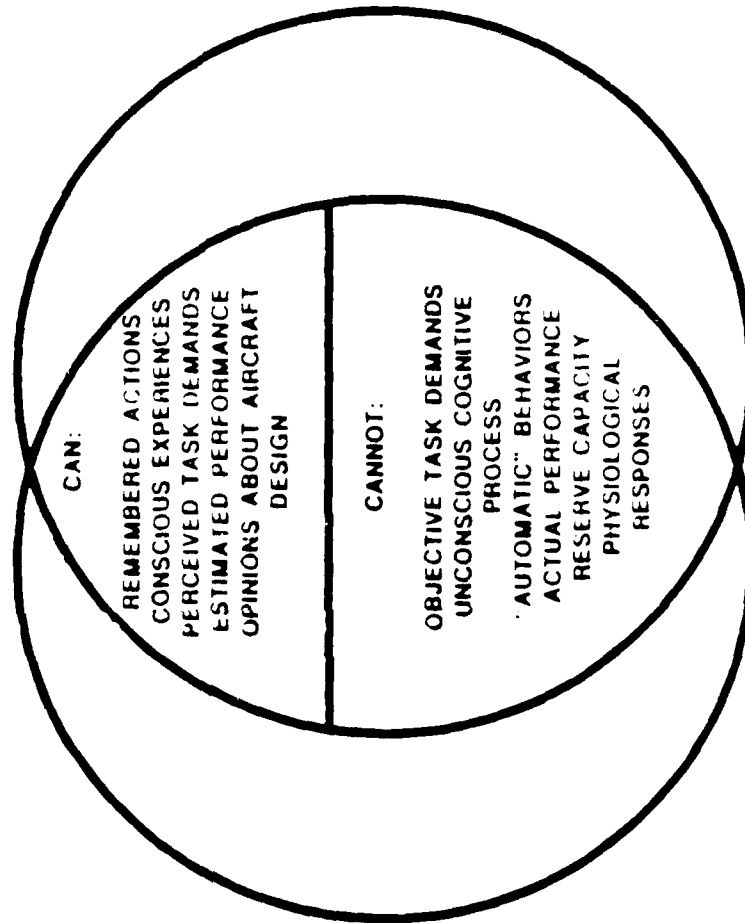
- WORKLOAD IS A HYPOTHETICAL CONSTRUCT THAT REFLECTS THE INTERACTION BETWEEN A SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL AND THE DEMANDS IMPOSED BY A PARTICULAR TASK.
- WORKLOAD REPRESENTS THE COST INCURRED BY THE HUMAN OPERATOR IN ACHIEVING A PARTICULAR LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE



## COMPONENTS OF WORKLOAD



**COMPONENTS OF WORKLOAD THAT CAN (AND CANNOT)  
BE REPRESENTED BY SUBJECTIVE RATINGS**



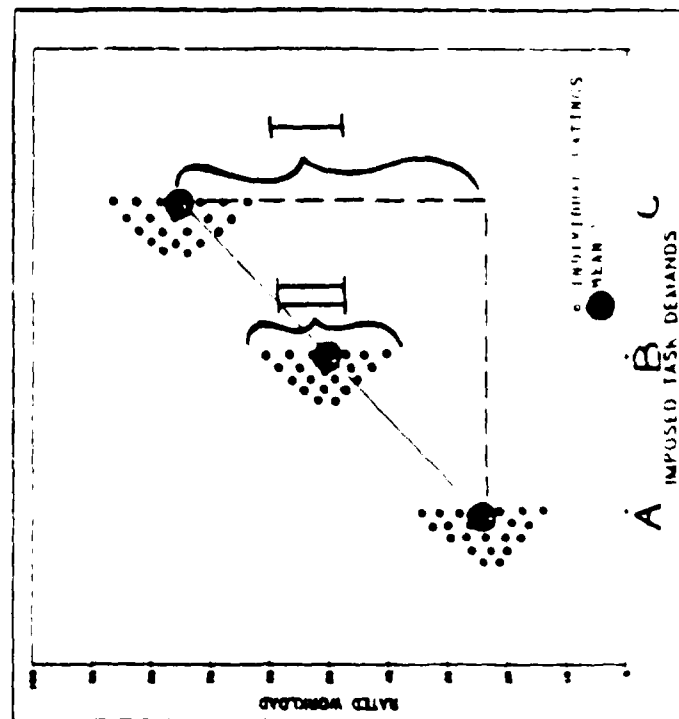


## **SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: ASSUMPTIONS**

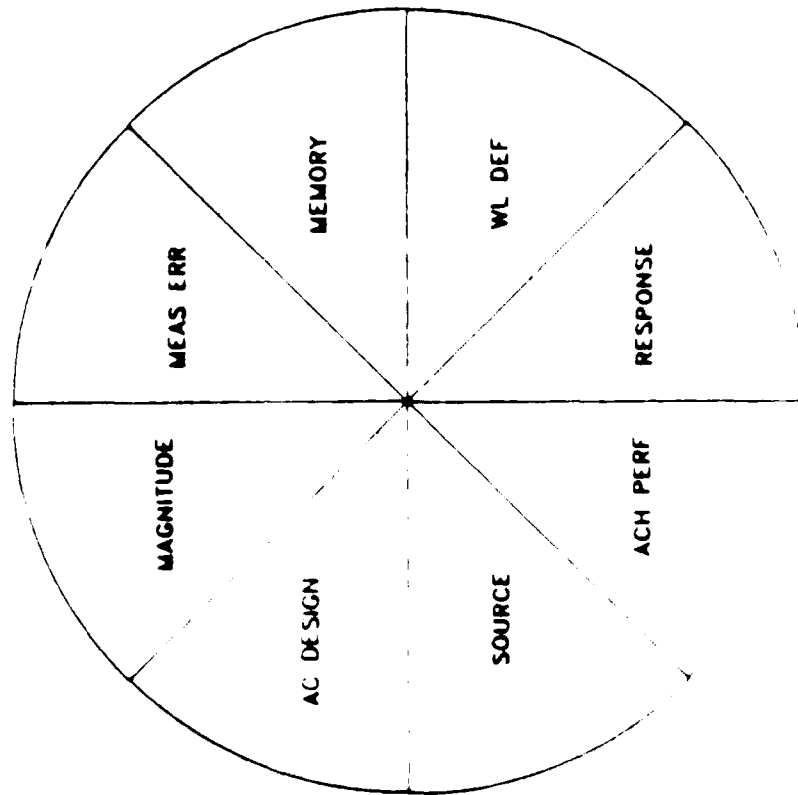
- SINCE WORKLOAD ARISES FROM THE INTERACTION BETWEEN A TASK AND THE PERFORMER, IT CANNOT BE INFERRED FROM INFORMATION ABOUT EITHER IN ISOLATION
  - ...HOWEVER, TASK DEMANDS (AND THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH PERFORMANCE) OFTEN ACCOUNT FOR A SIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE OF RATING VARIABILITY
- THERE IS SUFFICIENT COMMONALITY IN THE NATURE OF THIS INTERACTION ACROSS DIFFERENT TASKS THAT THEIR WORKLOADS CAN BE EQUATED ALONG A COMMON CONTINUUM
  - ...HOWEVER, THE SPECIFIC FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO WORKLOAD VARY FROM TASK TO TASK
- DIFFERENT PEOPLE RESPOND TO AND EXPERIENCE THE SAME PHENOMENA WHEN THEY PERFORM A GIVEN TASK.
  - ...HOWEVER, THERE ARE INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES IN SKILL, BEHAVIOR, PAST EXPERIENCE, MOTIVATION, ETC THAT INFLUENCE THE INTERACTION BETWEEN A SPECIFIC TASK AND A SPECIFIC PERFORMER
- DIFFERENT MEASURES OF WORKLOAD REFLECT THE SAME GLOBAL CONSTRUCT
  - ...HOWEVER, EACH TYPE OF MEASURE IS PARTICULARLY RESPONSIVE TO SOME COMPONENTS OF WORKLOAD AND LESS SO TO OTHERS

## SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: ANALYSIS GOALS

IF A DIFFERENCE IN WORKLOAD DOES, IN FACT, EXIST AMONG TASKS (OR DISPLAYS, OR CONTROL CONFIGURATIONS, OR...) A, B, AND C, THE GOAL IS TO MAXIMIZE THE SCALE'S SENSITIVITY TO I AND TO MINIMIZE ITS SENSITIVITY TO II.

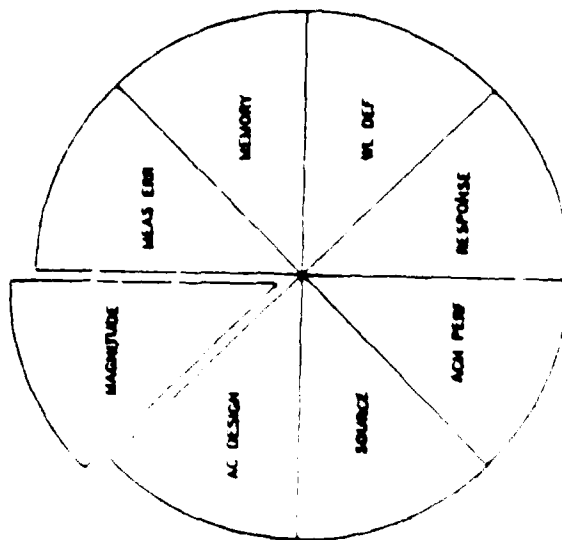


## SOURCES OF VARIABILITY IN WORKLOAD RATINGS



## SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: SOURCES OF VARIABILITY INTENSITY OF IMPOSED DEMANDS

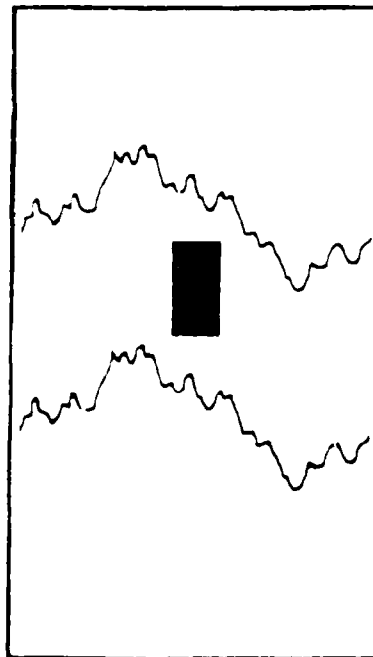
- REQUIRED ACCURACY
- REQUIRED SPEED
- COMPLEXITY
- FREQUENCY OF RESPONSE
- TIME CONSTRAINTS
- CONCURRENT SUBTASKS
- INFORMATION LOAD



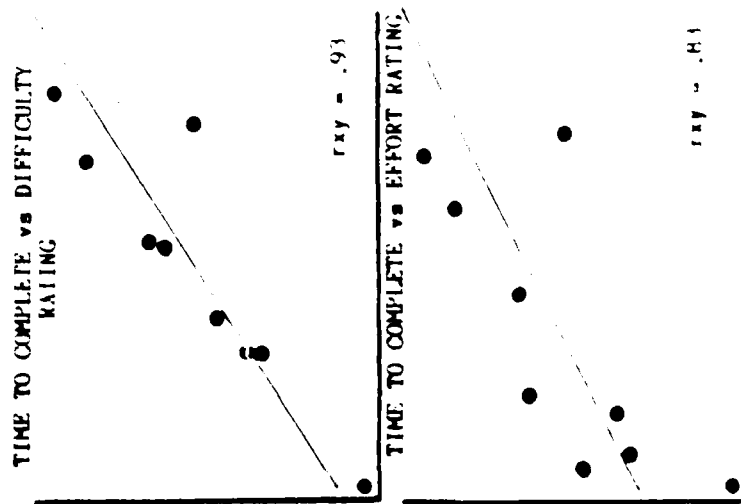
## RATING SCALES: TWO UNIDIMENSIONAL SCALES (EFFORT, DIFFICULTY)

EXAMPLE: SUBJECTIVE RATINGS OF EFFORT AND TASK DIFFICULTY WERE OBTAINED ON 10-POINT SCALES DURING DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF A SIMULATED HOVERCRAFT CONTROL TASK. SKILL-BASED, RULE-BASED, AND KNOWLEDGE-BASED ASPECTS OF WORKLOAD WERE EXPERIMENTALLY MANIPULATED

HOVERCRAFT TASK DISPLAY



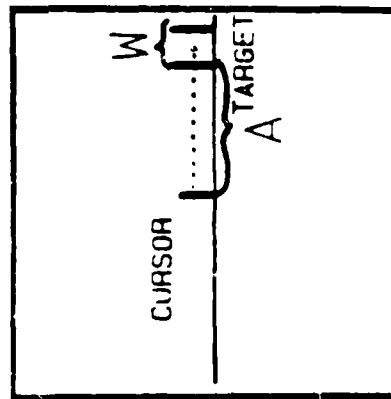
NOTE: THE GREATER THE LEVEL OF TASK DIFFICULTY, THE MORE PROMOUNCED THE DISPARITY BETWEEN ACTUAL AND PERCEIVED EFFORT.



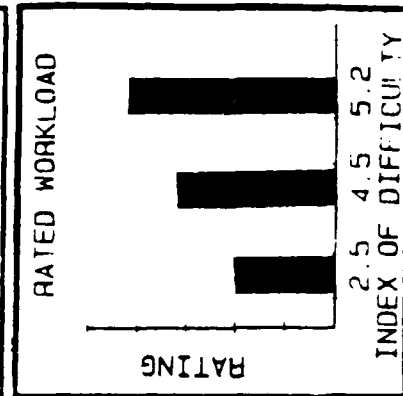
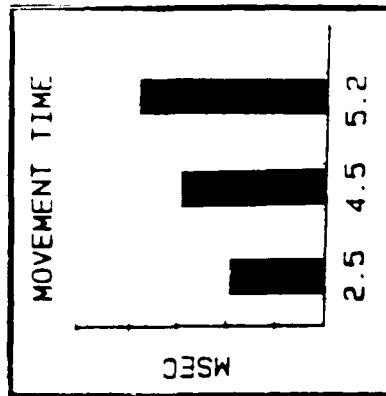
## SUBJECTIVE RATING: CONSTRUCT VALIDITY

IDEALLY, RATINGS SHOULD BE EVALUATED WITH RESPECT TO THEORY BASED ESTIMATES OF IMPOSED TASK DEMAND LEVELS.

EXAMPLE: NASA-TASK LOAD INDEX RATINGS WERE COMPARED TO THE DIFFICULTY (MEASURED BY FITTS LAW) OF TARGET ACQUISITION TASKS



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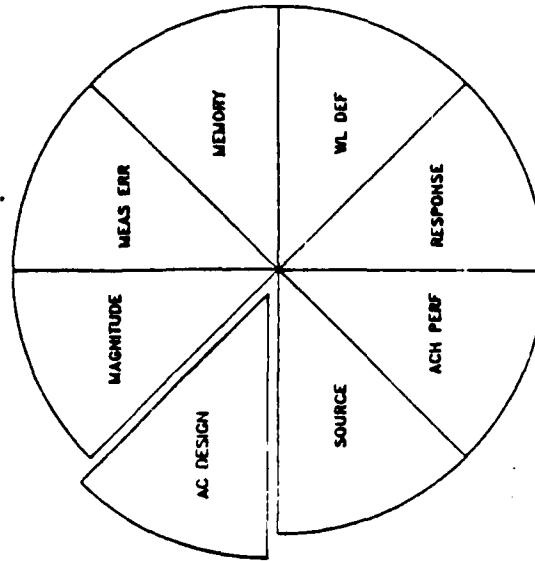
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# **SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: SOURCES OF VARIABILITY AIRCRAFT DESIGN**

- DISPLAY DESIGN  
FORMAT  
INFORMATION QUALITY  
INFORMATION QUANTITY
- CONTROL DESIGN
- HANDLING QUALITIES
- DISPLAY/CONTROL  
COMPATIBILITY
- AUTOMATIC SUBSYSTEMS  
DESIGN, INTEGRATION  
INTERFACE

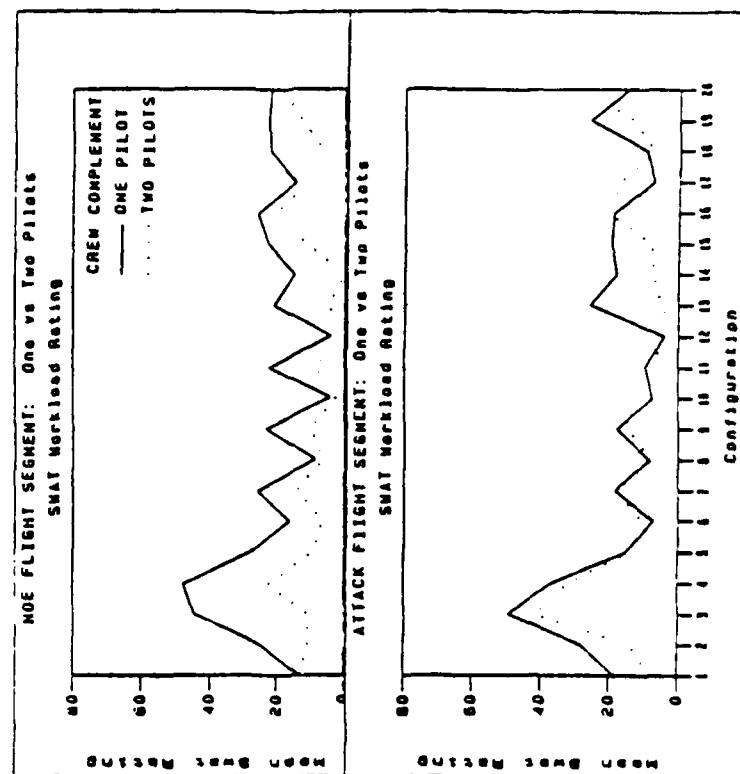


## SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: POTENTIAL GOALS OF A WORKLOAD ANALYSIS:

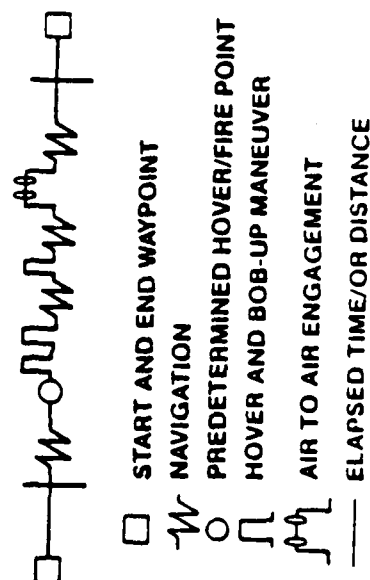
- \* MAGNITUDE OF DIFFERENT TASK DEMANDS
- \* WORKLOAD-IMPACT OF ALTERNATIVE DESIGNS
- \* EFFECT OF CREW-COMPLEMENT ON WORKLOAD

EXAMPLE: SWAT AND NASA BIPOLOAR RATINGS WERE OBTAINED DURING AN ADVANCED HELICOPTER SIMULATION.

LEVEL OF AUTOMATION, CREW SIZE (ONE vs TWO), FLIGHT TASK (BOB-UP, HOVER, NOE, AIR-AIR, ETC) WERE VARIED.



## MISSION SCENARIO PROFILE



Haworth, Biven, & Shively, 1986

# **SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: SOURCES OF VARIABILITY**

## **SPECIFIC SOURCES OF DEMANDS**

- **PSYCHOLOGICAL VARIABLES**

STIMULUS MODALITY  
 RESPONSE MODALITY  
 PROCESSING STAGE  
 PROCESSING CODE

- **TASK-RELATED VARIABLES**

FLIGHT-PATH CONTROL  
 COLLISION AVOIDANCE  
 NAVIGATION

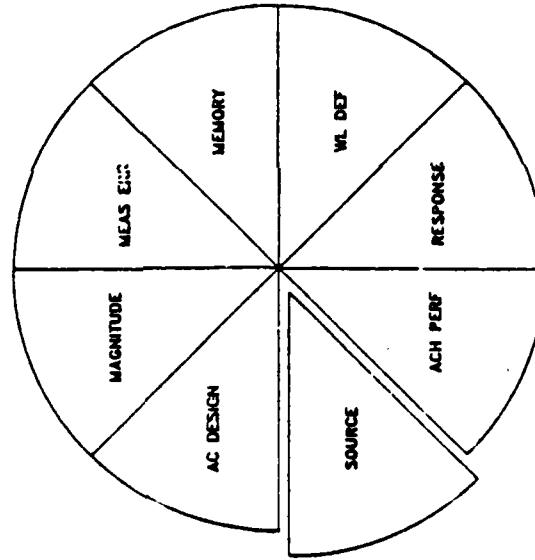
COMMUNICATIONS

SYSTEMS MONITORING

COMMAND DECISIONS

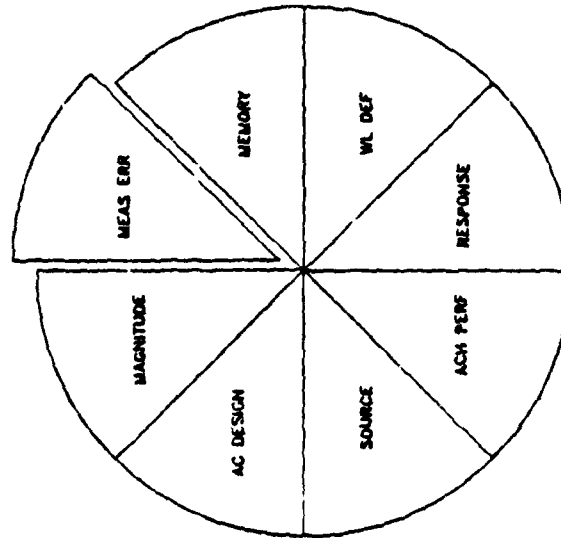
- **ENVIRONMENTAL VARIABLES**

SOCIAL  
 PHYSICAL

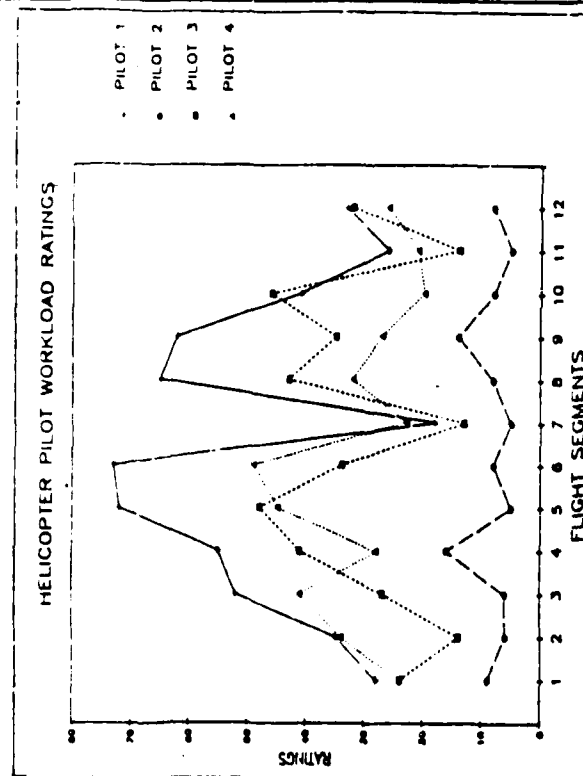
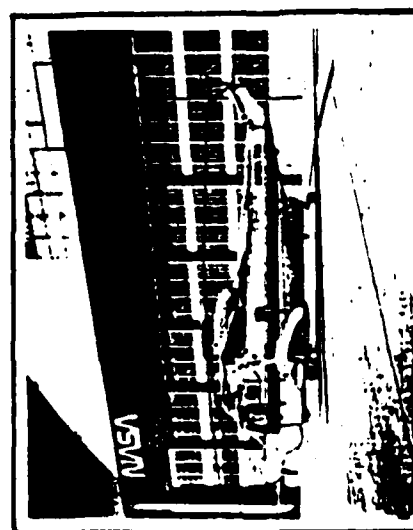


## **SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: SOURCES OF VARIABILITY MEASUREMENT ERROR**

- MEANINGFULNESS OF UNITS
- VERBAL DESCRIPTORS
- SEQUENTIAL BIASES
- CENTERING BIAS
- INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES  
IN USE OF SCALE
- NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVE  
SCALE VALUES



## SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: MEASUREMENT ERROR INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES IN THE USE OF A SCALE



EXAMPLE: NASA-TLX RATINGS WERE OBTAINED DURING EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHTS OF AN SH-3G HELICOPTER. ALTHOUGH THE PILOTS WERE HIGHLY EXPERIENCED TEST PILOTS, AND PERFORMED EQUALLY WELL, THE ABSOLUTE LEVELS OF THEIR RATINGS VARIED CONSIDERABLY.

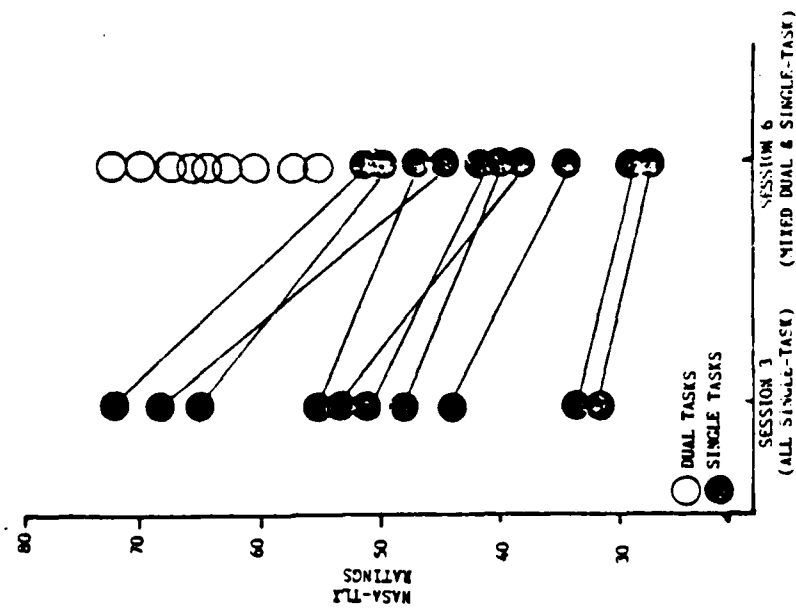
## SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: MEASUREMENT ERROR

### CONTEXT EFFECTS

- RATERS TEND TO USE THE FULL RANGE OF A SCALE TO QUANTIFY THE WORKLOAD OF TASKS PRESENTED IN EACH CONTEXT
- THIS MAY RESTRICT THE RANGE OF RATINGS AVAILABLE FOR TASKS PRESENTED AT THE END OF THE SEQUENCE
- RATING VALUES DO NOT REPRESENT ABSOLUTE JUDGEMENTS THAT CAN BE COMPARED ACROSS CONTEXTS, BUT RELATIVE COMPARISONS WITHIN EACH CONTEXT

- **EXAMPLE:**  
NASA-TLX RATINGS WERE OBTAINED AFTER PERFORMANCE OF A SERIES OF SINGLE-AXIS TRACKING TASKS AND AGAIN WHEN THE SAME SINGLE-AXIS TASKS WERE PRESENTED INTERSPERCED WITH DUAL-AXIS TRACKING TASKS

- **RESULTS:**  
THE RELATIVE ORDERING OF SINGLE-TASK RATINGS DID NOT CHANGE SIGNIFICANTLY, BUT THE RANGE OF SINGLE TASK RATINGS WAS RESTRICTED.



Vidulich & Tsang (in press)

## SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: MEASUREMENT ERROR

### CONTEXT EFFECTS

- RATERS TEND TO USE THE FULL RANGE OF A SCALE TO QUANTIFY THE WORKLOAD OF TASKS PRESENTED IN EACH CONTEXT
- THUS, ABSOLUTE MAGNITUDES OF THE RATINGS ARE NOT MEANINGFUL ACROSS DIFFERENT CONTEXTS, ALTHOUGH THE RANK ORDERING AND RELATIVE DISTANCES BETWEEN THE RATINGS DO PROVIDE USEFUL INFORMATION WITHIN EACH CONTEXT

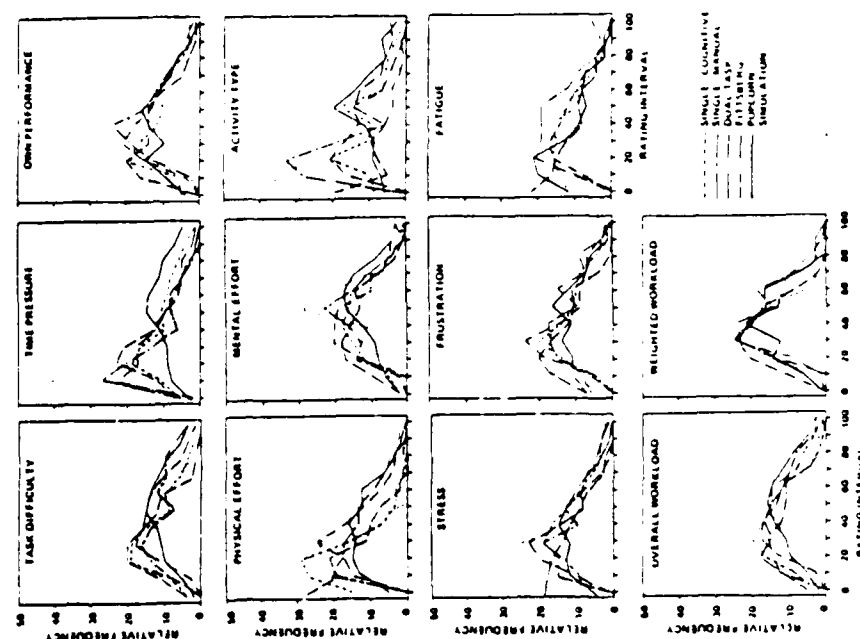
#### • EXAMPLE:

NASA-BIPOLAR RATINGS AND GLOBAL WORKLOAD RATINGS WERE OBTAINED DURING 16 EXPERIMENTS. THEY WERE GROUPED INTO SIX CATEGORIES OF ACTIVITIES.

#### • RESULTS:

THE DISTRIBUTIONS OF RATINGS WERE SURPRISINGLY SIMILAR ACROSS TASK CATEGORIES THAT APPEAR TO DIFFER WIDELY IN DIFFICULTY

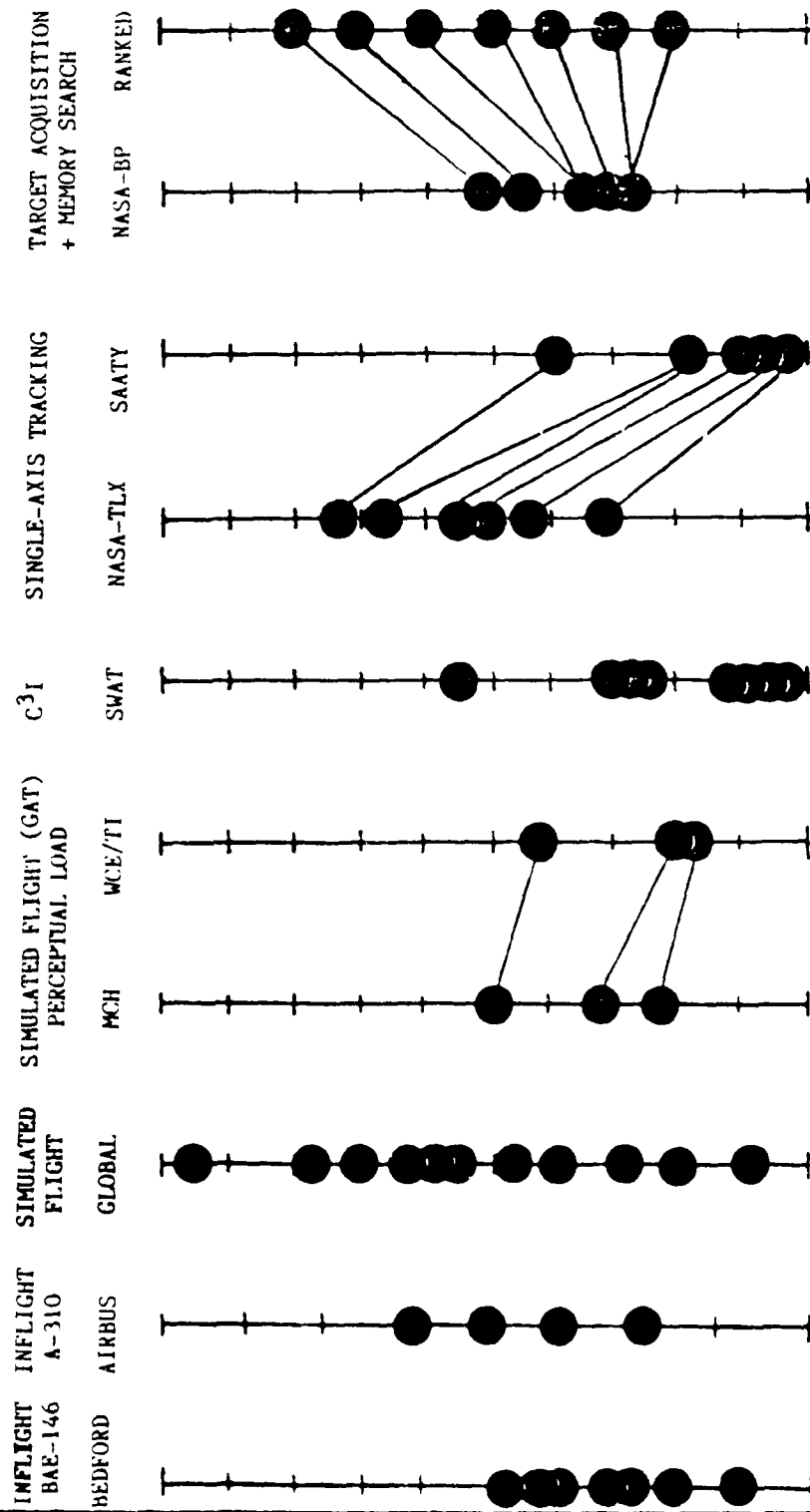
CONSISTENTLY SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES IN RATINGS WERE FOUND WITHIN EACH CATEGORY IN RESPONSE TO EXPERIMENTAL MANIPULATIONS



HART & STAVELAND, in press

# SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: MEASUREMENT ERROR CONTEXT EFFECTS

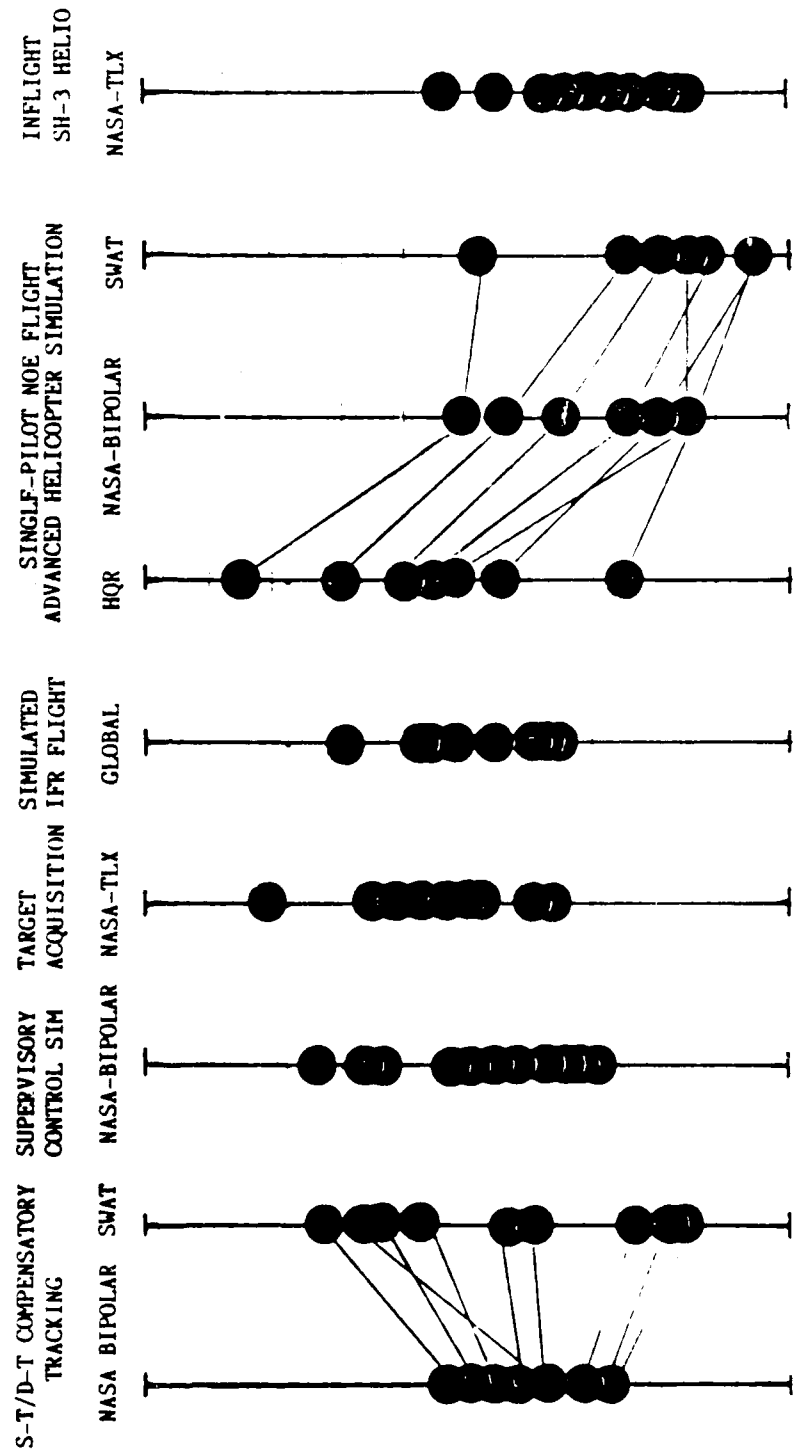
AVERAGE WORKLOAD RATINGS OBTAINED IN DIFFERENT EXPERIMENTS (CONT):





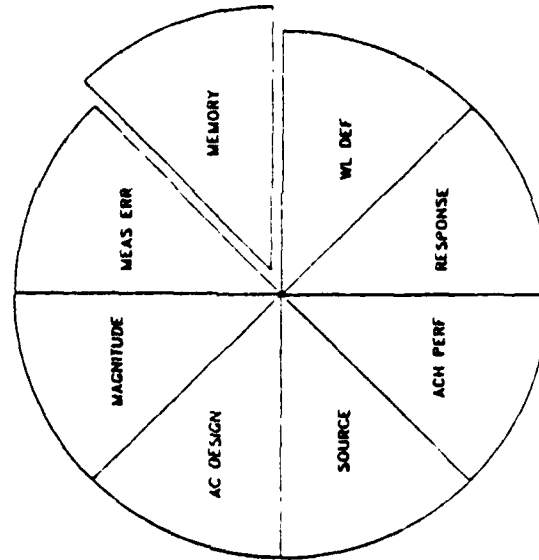
# SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: MEASUREMENT ERROR CONTEXT EFFECTS

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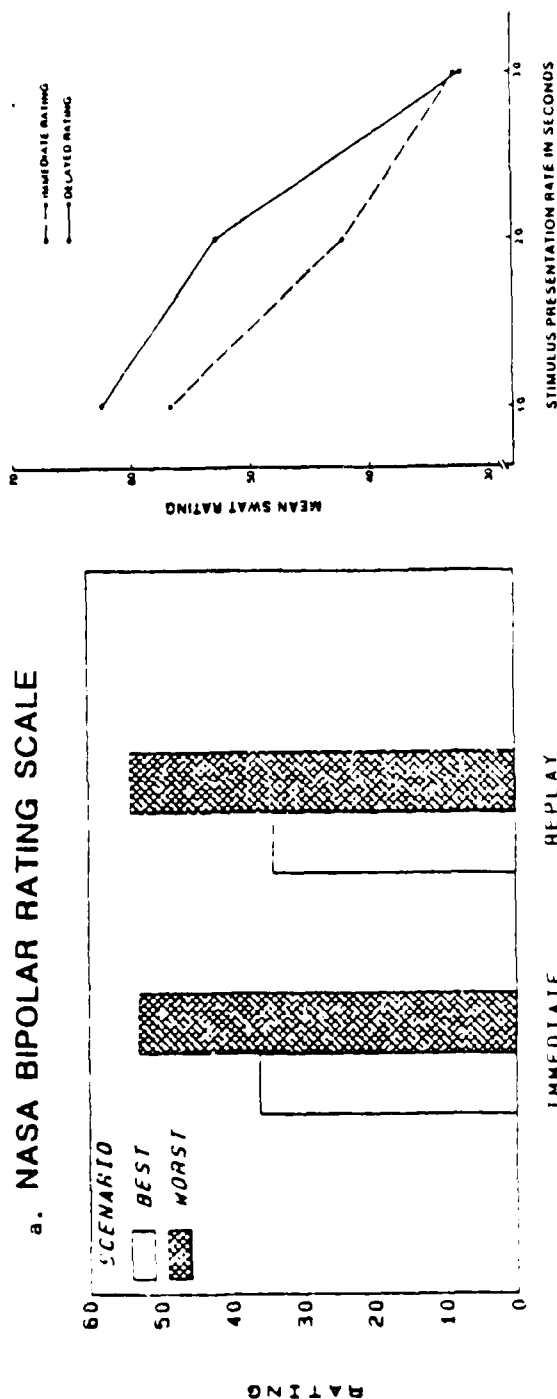
## **SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: SOURCES OF VARIABILITY MEMORY**

- HOMOGENEITY OF TASKS  
WITHIN INTERVAL RATED
- CONSCIOUS AWARENESS OF  
RELEVANT FACTORS
- TIME SINCE PRESENTATION  
OF REFERENCE TASK
- TIME SINCE INTERVAL  
ENDED
- MNEMONIC AIDES



## SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: MEMORY

SINCE RATINGS REPRESENT THE RATER'S MEMORY OF WHAT WAS EXPERIENCED DURING AN INTERVAL, THEY SHOULD BE OBTAINED IMMEDIATELY. HOWEVER, NASA BIPOLAR RATINGS OBTAINED IMMEDIATELY AND AFTER A DELAYED REPLAY OF THE INTERVALS TO BE EVALUATED (A) AND SWAT RATINGS OBTAINED IMMEDIATELY OR AFTER A DELAY OF 15 MIN (B) WERE NOT SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGED BY THE DELAY.

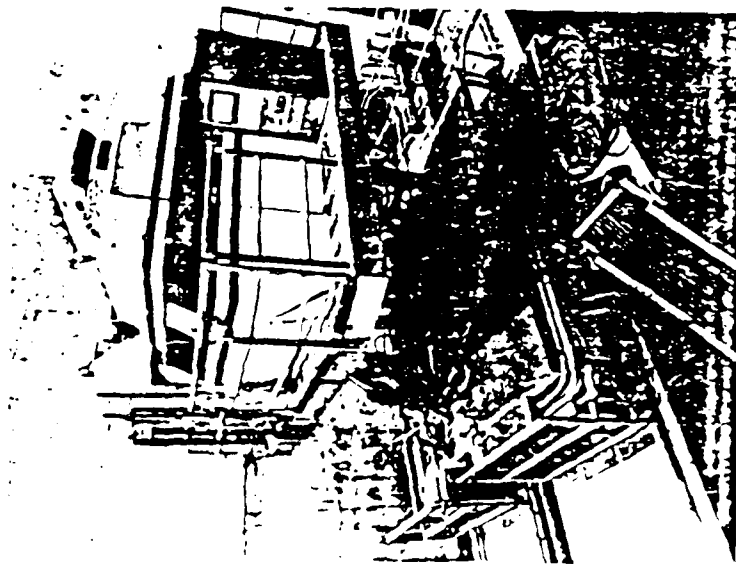


Hart, et al, in press

Eggemeier, Crabtree & LaPointe  
1983

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Haworth, Bivens, & Chively, 1986

# **SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: SOURCES OF VARIABILITY INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES IN DEFINITION**

- A PRIORI BIASES

PHYSICAL EFFORT

MENTAL EFFORT

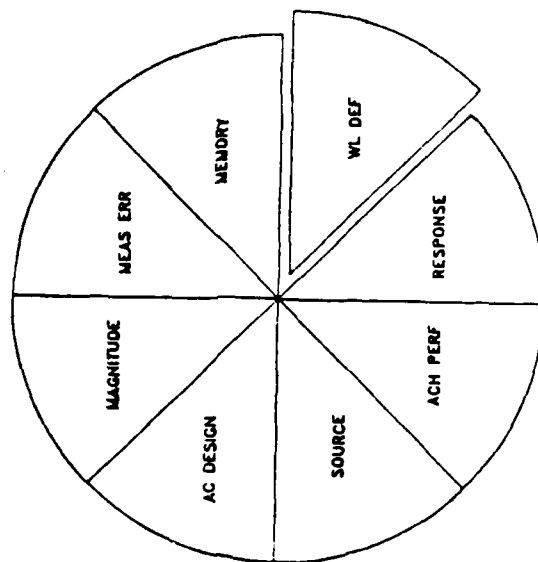
TIME PRESSURE

STRESS

PERFORMANCE

- SUBJECTIVE RELEVANCE  
OF EXPERIMENTALLY  
MANIPULATED SOURCES  
OF LOAD

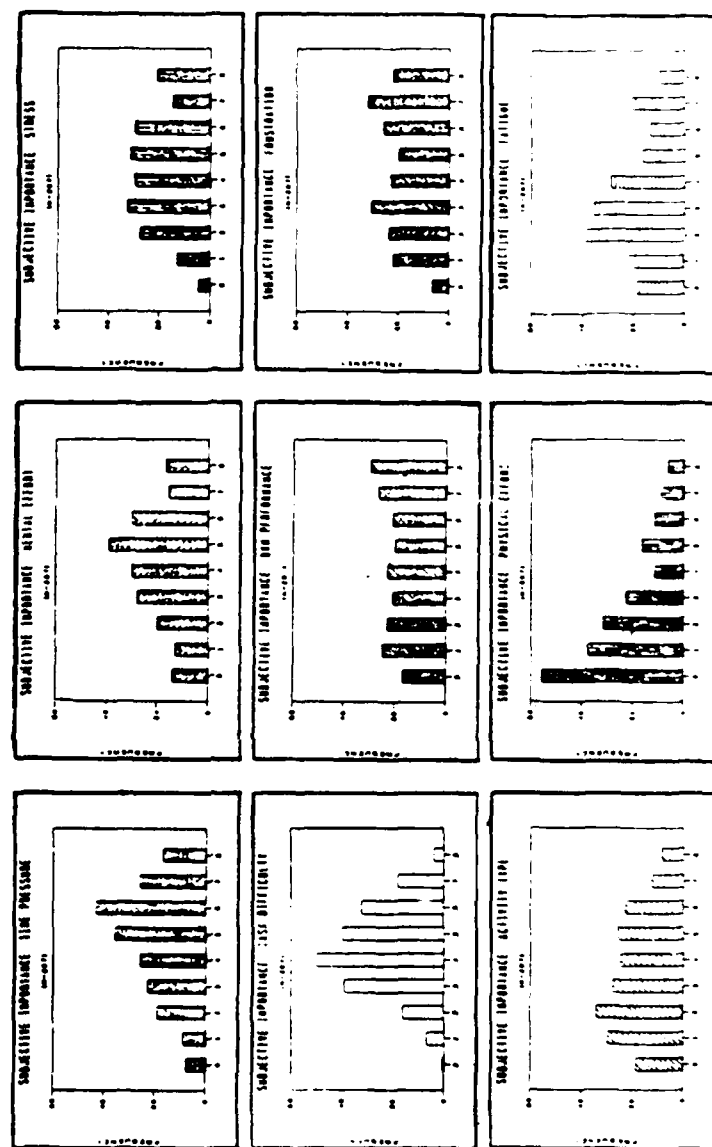
- SENSITIVITY TO EACH  
COMPONENT OF LOAD



# SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES IN DEFINITION

THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF DIFFERENT FACTORS TO EACH INDIVIDUAL'S DEFINITION OF WORKLOAD VARY CONSIDERABLY.

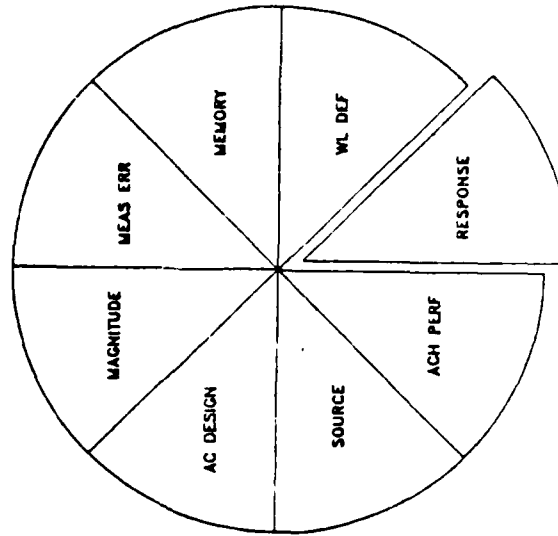
EXAMPLE: THE RELATIVE FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTIONS OF IMPORTANCE "WEIGHTS" ATTACHED TO 9 FACTORS FOR 207 SUBJECTS ARE REPRESENTED BELOW.



Hart & Staveland, in press

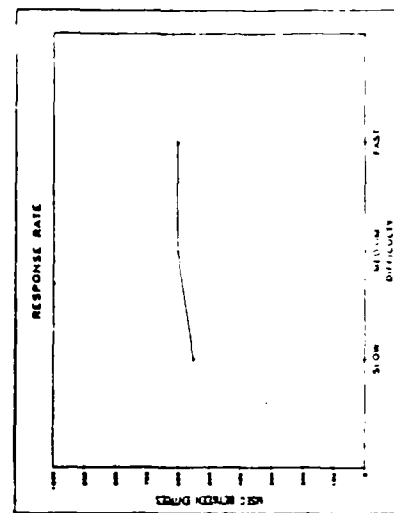
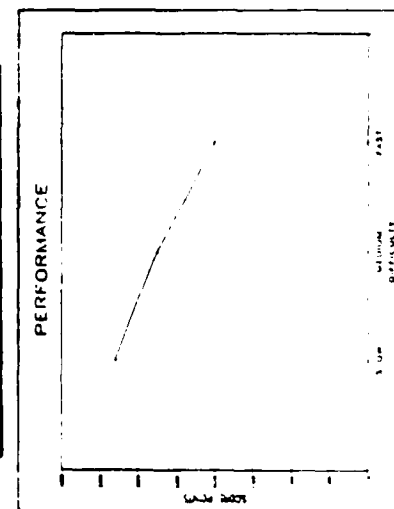
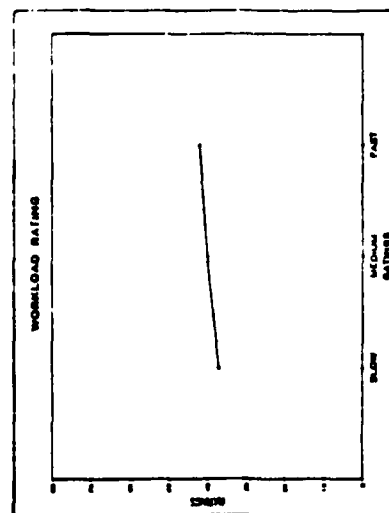
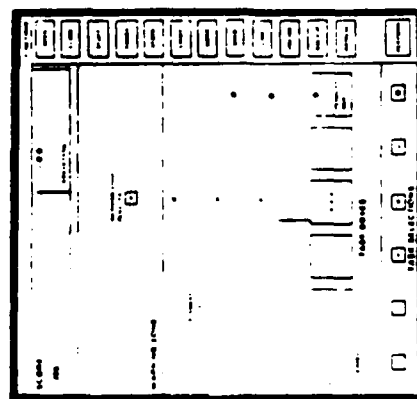
# SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: SOURCES OF VARIABILITY RESPONSE TO TASK

- BEHAVIOR
  - BASIC SKILLS
  - TRAINING
  - STRATEGIES
  - EFFORT EXERTED
- EMOTIONAL RESPONSE
  - MOTIVATION
  - FRUSTRATION
  - EMOTIONAL STRESS
- PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSE
  - FATIGUE
  - AROUSAL
  - NEURAL ACTIVITY



## SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: INFLUENCE OF BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE ON WORKLOAD RATINGS

ALTHOUGH RATINGS OFTEN COVARY WITH IMPOSED TASK DEMANDS AND PERFORMANCE, THEY MAY NOT IF OPERATORS DO NOT EXERT ADDITIONAL EFFORT AS TASK DEMANDS INCREASE. IN THIS CASE, RATINGS MAY REFLECT EFFORT RATHER THAN A PRIORI TASK DEMANDS OR ACHIEVED PERFORMANCE. THIS WAS FOUND FOR NASA-TLX RATINGS OBTAINED DURING A SUPERVISORY CONTROL SIMULATION (POPCORN).



Hart & Battiste, 1984

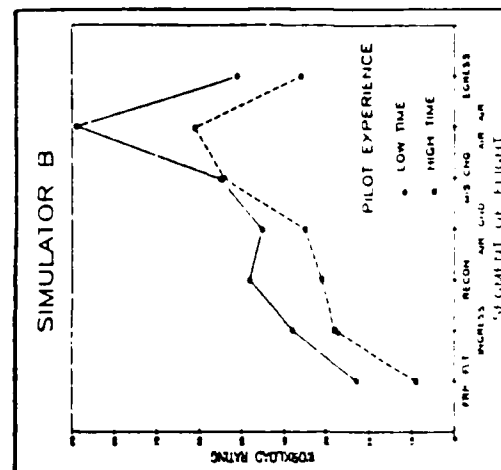
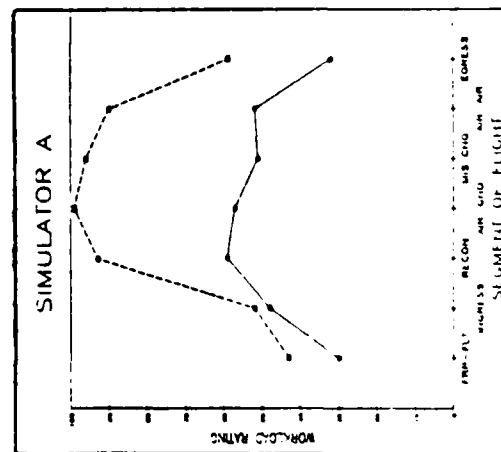


## SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: BEHAVIOR

TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS, IN ADDITION TO EXPERIENCE WITH A PARTICULAR VEHICLE, INFLUENCE SUBJECTIVE RATINGS

EXAMPLE: NASA BIPOLAR RATINGS WERE OBTAINED FOR A VARIETY OF NOE FLIGHT TASKS PERFORMED IN ADVANCED HELICOPTER SIMULATORS THAT PROVIDED DIFFERENT FORMS OF AUTOMATION AND PILOT/VEHICLE INTERFACES

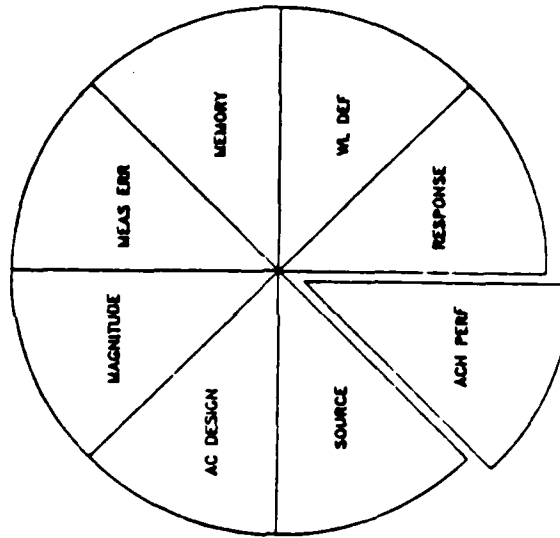
RESULTS: WHEN PILOTS HAD LITTLE FREEDOM TO DETERMINE WHICH TASKS TO PERFORM AND WHEN (SIMULATOR B) LOW-TIME PILOTS EXPERIENCED HIGHER WORKLOAD. WHEN THEY COULD CHOOSE WHICH TASKS TO DO AND WHEN (SIMULATOR A), HIGH-TIME PILOTS DID ADDITIONAL MISSION MANAGEMENT TASKS (COMMUNICATIONS, ASSIGNING FIRING POSITIONS), WHILE LOW-TIME PILOTS PERFORMED THE MINIMUM TASKS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE MISSION, THEREBY EXPERIENCING LOWER WORKLOAD.



Shively, et al (in press)

## SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: SOURCES OF VARIABILITY ACHIEVED PERFORMANCE

- MAY NOT REFLECT EFFORT
- INFLUENCED BY SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS
- ADEQUACY OF PERFORMANCE FEEDBACK
- PAST PERFORMANCE AFFECTS SUBSEQUENT BEHAVIOR
- TYPE(S) OF MEASURES:
  - ACCURACY
  - SPEED
  - MULTIPLE
- EXPECTED vs ACHIEVED

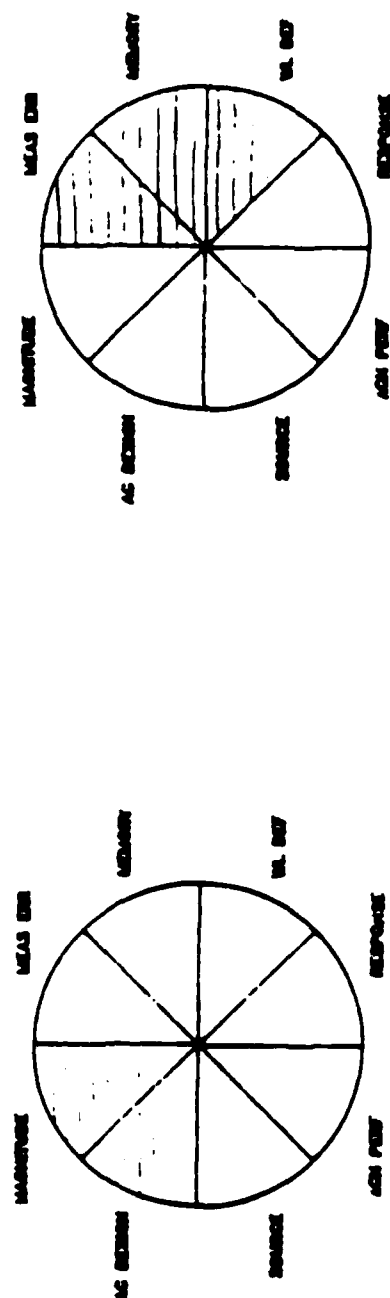


## **SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: EVALUATION CRITERIA**

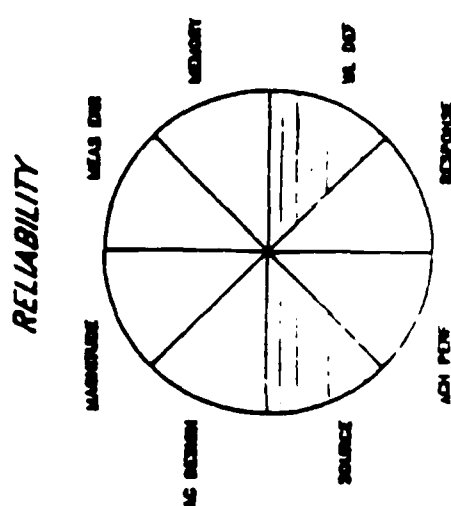
TO BE USEFUL IN AIRCRAFT CERTIFICATION, A SUBJECTIVE RATING  
TECHNIQUE MUST DEMONSTRATE:

- o RELIABILITY
- o SENSITIVITY
- o VALIDITY
- o DIAGNOSTICITY
- o PRACTICAL UTILITY

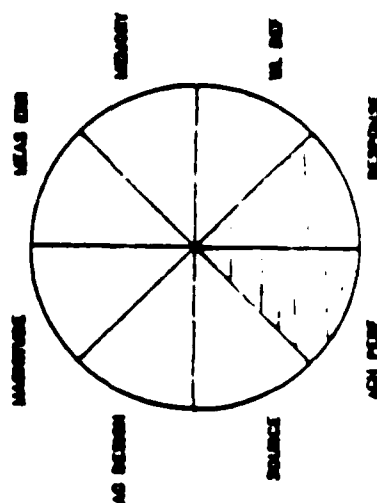
# SOURCES OF RATING VARIABILITY: FOCUS OF DIFFERENT EVALUATION PROCEDURES



*SENSITIVITY/VALIDITY*



*RELIABILITY*



*TASK X SUBJECT INTERACTION*

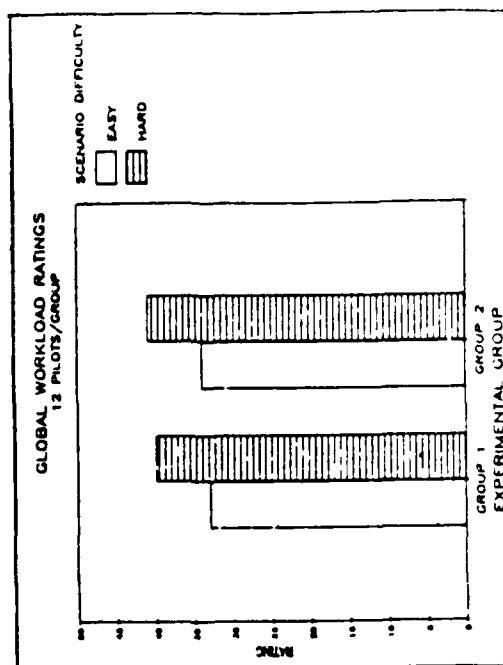
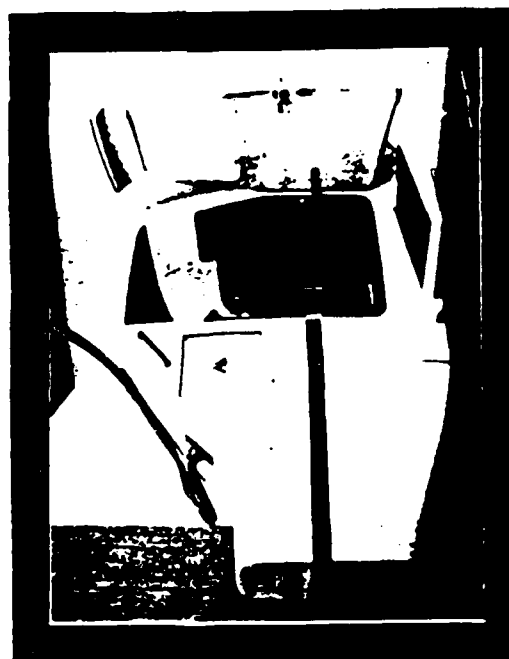
*DIAGNOSTICITY*

## **SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: RELIABILITY**

- PARTICULARLY FOR AIRCRAFT CERTIFICATION, RELIABILITY IS AN IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION BECAUSE:
  - THE NUMBER OF EVALUATION PILOTS MAY BE LIMITED
  - REPEATED MEASUREMENTS FOR THE SAME PILOT ARE COSTLY
  - THE CONSEQUENCES OF AMBIGUOUS OR INACCURATE RESULTS ARE UNACCEPTABLE
- METHODS OF EVALUATING RELIABILITY:
  - SPLIT-HALF
  - TEST-RETEST
  - INTER-RATER
  - ALTERNATE FORMS

## SUBJECTIVE RATING: SPLIT-HALF RELIABILITY

EXAMPLE: RATINGS WERE OBTAINED FROM TWO DIFFERENT GROUPS OF 12 PILOTS AFTER PERFORMING AN 'EASY' AND A 'HARD' FLIGHT IN A MOTION-BASE SIMULATOR USING THE NASA BIPOLAR RATING SCALE.

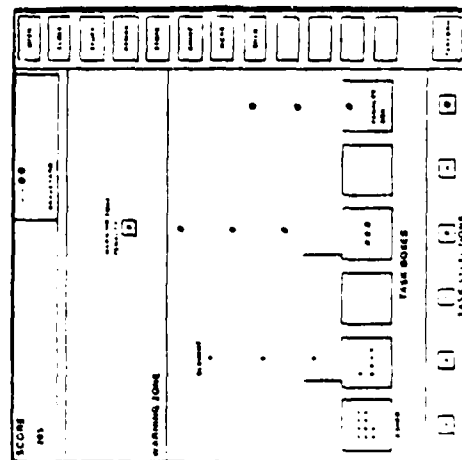
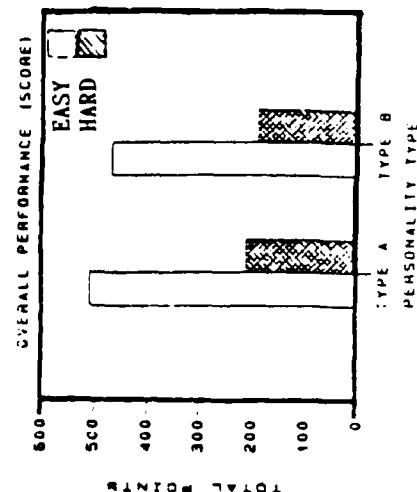
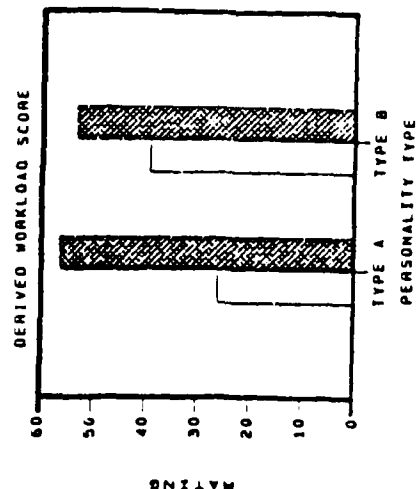


## SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: SPLIT-HALF RELIABILITY

**EXAMPLE: NASA BIPOLAR RATINGS WERE OBTAINED FROM SUBJECTS AFTER DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF A SUPERVISORY CONTROL SIMULATION (POPCORN).**

THEY WERE DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS  
BASED ON THEIR PERSONALITY TYPE.

WORKLOAD RATINGS AND PERFORMANCE WERE NOT SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT BETWEEN THE GROUPS (ALTHOUGH BLOOD PRESSURE RESPONSIVENESS WAS).

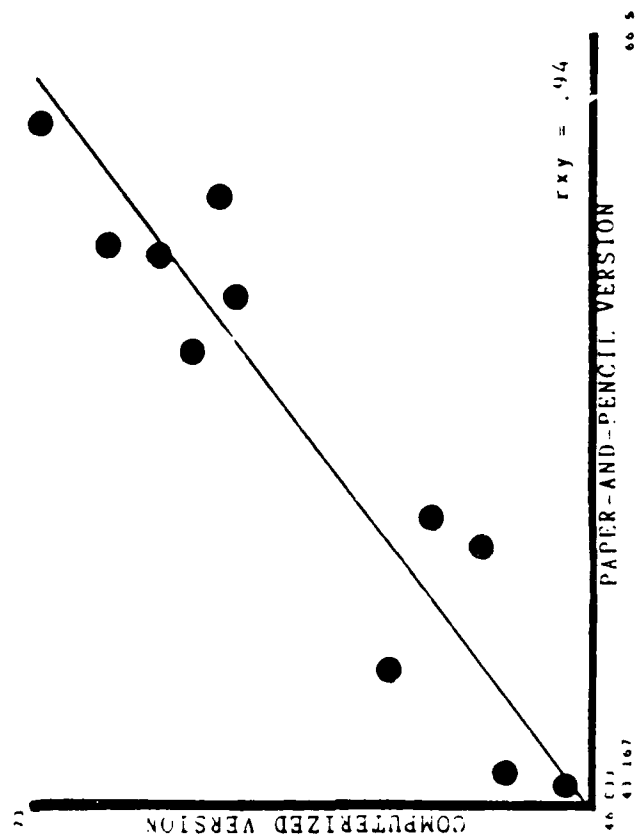


## SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: ALTERNATE FORMS RELIABILITY

EXAMPLE: RATINGS WERE OBTAINED FROM SIX SUBJECTS USING THREE FORMS OF THE NASA-TASK LOAD INDEX: COMPUTERIZED, PAPER-AND-PENCIL, AND VERBAL

TASKS: TARGET ACQUISITION, GRAMMATICAL REASONING, UNSTABLE TRACKING

RESULTS: RATINGS WITH ALTERNATE FORMS OF NASA-TLX WERE HIGHLY CORRELATED





## **SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: GENERAL APPROACHES TO VALIDATION**

- o WORKLOAD MEASURES MUST BE EVALUATED AGAINST CRITERIA THAT THEY CAN BE LOGICALLY EXPECTED TO FULFILL AND THAT ARE PRACTICALLY RELEVANT TO A GIVEN RESEARCH QUESTION
- o ALTHOUGH SUBJECTIVE RATINGS HAVE A 'COMPELLING SENSE OF RELEVANCE' BECAUSE THEY DEPEND DIRECTLY ON THE RATER'S PERSONAL EXPERIENCES" (GOPHER & DONCHIN, 1986)
- o THEY ARE DIFFICULT TO VALIDATE BECAUSE THEY ARE DESIGNED TO MEASURE AN INDIVIDUAL'S PERSONAL ASSESSMENT OF AN EXPERIENCE RATHER THAN OBJECTIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TASK, AIRCRAFT DESIGN, THE ENVIRONMENT, OR SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

## **SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: CONSTRUCT VALIDITY APPROACHES**

THE TYPICAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF PROVIDING INDEPENDENT VALIDATION FOR SUBJECTIVE RATING SCALES IS TO COMPARE RATINGS AGAINST OTHER, MORE 'OBJECTIVE' AND MEASURABLE CRITERIA THAN THE PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF THE RATER:

- \* THEORY-BASED PREDICTIONS OF TASK DEMANDS
- \* MEASURES OF PERFORMANCE

... HOWEVER, SUBJECTIVE RATINGS DO NOT REFLECT  
THESE ASPECTS OF WORKLOAD DIRECTLY

AN ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION IS TO OBTAIN:

- \* CONVERGING EVIDENCE FROM OTHER MEASURES
- \* AN ACCUMULATION OF EVIDENCE FROM REPEATED USE

## **SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: CONSTRUCT VALIDITY ACCUMULATION OF EVIDENCE**

THE MOST COMMON METHOD OF VALIDATING A CANDIDATE SCALE IS TO OBTAIN AN ACCUMULATION OF EVIDENCE THAT IT IS SENSITIVE TO SUBTLE AS WELL AS GROSS VARIATIONS IN:

THEORY-BASED ESTIMATES OR EXPERT GUESSES ABOUT TASK DEMANDS

THEORY-BASED ESTIMATES OR EXPERT GUESSES ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF DISPLAYS, CONTROLS, AND AUTOMATED SUBSYSTEMS

MEASURABLE LEVELS OF EFFORT EXERTED IN PERFORMING TASKS

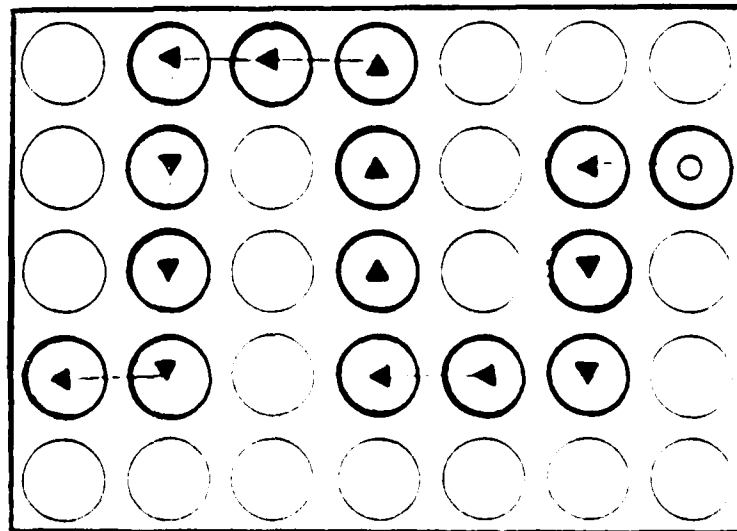
ACHIEVED LEVELS OF PERFORMANCE

DIFFERENTIAL SENSITIVITY TO APPARENT VARIATIONS IN THE SOURCES OF TASK DEMANDS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE RATERS OR OBSERVERS

## SUBJECTIVE RATING: CONSTRUCT VALIDITY

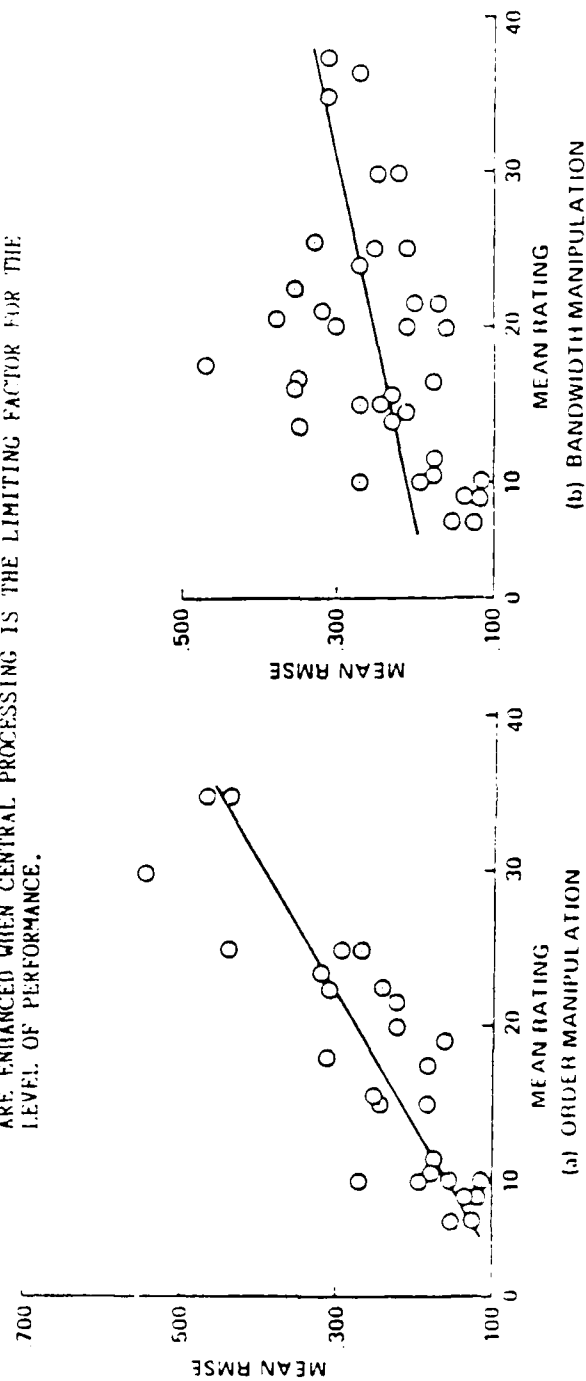
EXAMPLE: THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PERFORMANCE (CAPTURE TIME) AND NASA TASK LOAD INDEX RATINGS WAS EVALUATED FOLLOWING A SERIES OF SEQUENTIAL TARGET ACQUISITIONS (TIMEPOOLS). DIFFICULTY WAS MANIPULATED BY VARYING TARGET SIZE, RATE OF CHANGE OF TARGET SIZE, AND RESPONSE SELECTION LOAD.



## SUBJECTIVE RATING: CONSTRUCT VALIDITY

EXAMPLE: THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PERFORMANCE (RMS TRACKING ERROR) AND GLOBAL WORKLOAD RATINGS WAS EVALUATED FOLLOWING INTERVALS FILLED WITH A SINGLE-AXIS COMPENSATORY TRACKING TASK. DIFFICULTY WAS VARIED BY MANIPULATING FORCING FUNCTION BANDWIDTH AND ORDER OF CONTROL.

RATING X PERFORMANCE CORRELATIONS WERE HIGHER WITH ORDER-OF-CONTROL MANIPULATIONS; ORDER OF CONTROL PRIMARILY INFLUENCES THE CENTRAL PROCESSING DEMANDS OF A TASK, WHEREAS BANDWIDTH PRIMARILY INFLUENCES RESPONSE EXECUTION PROCESSING. THUS, RATING X PERFORMANCE CORRELATIONS ARE ENHANCED WHEN CENTRAL PROCESSING IS THE LIMITING FACTOR FOR THE LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE.

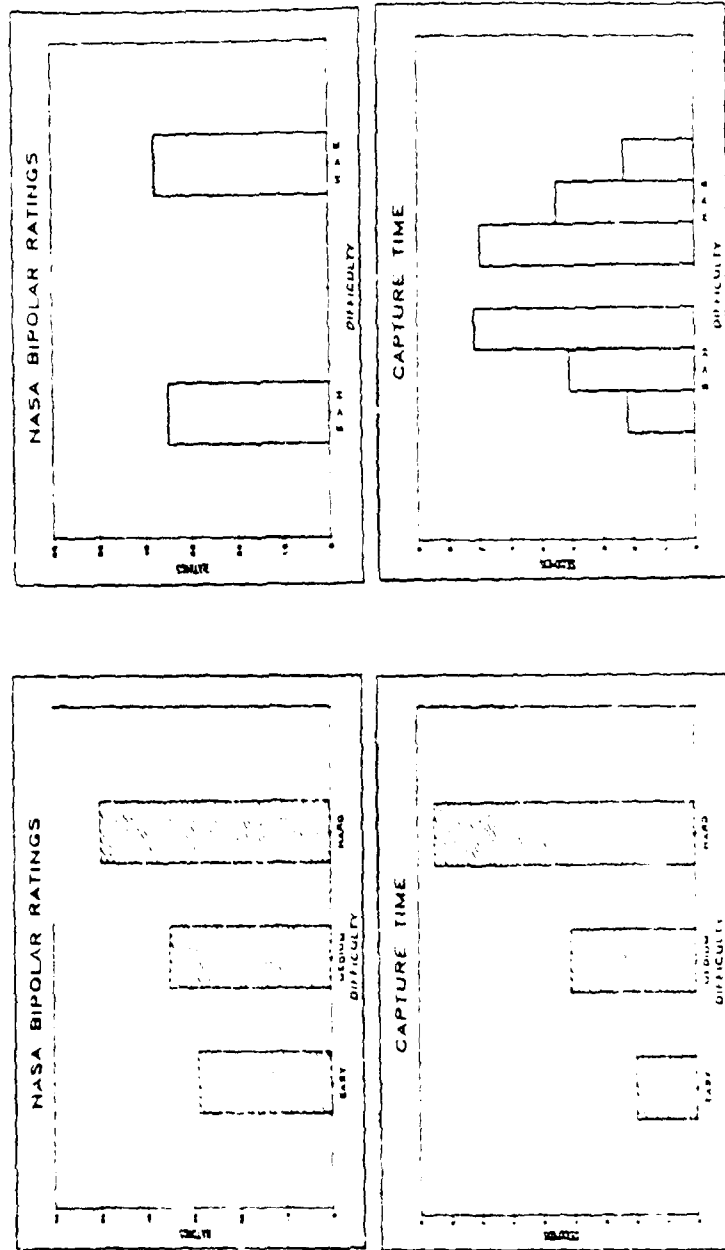


Vidulich, in press

## SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: CONSTRUCT VALIDITY

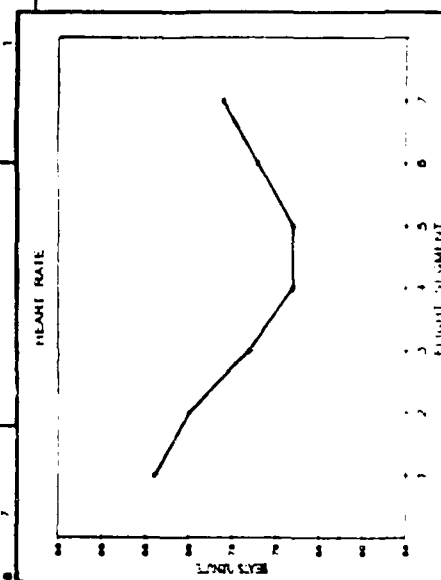
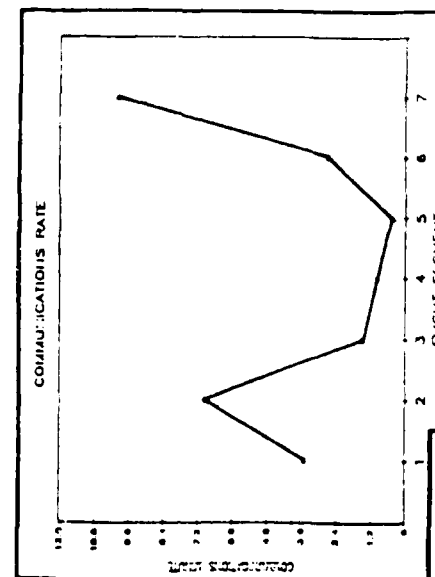
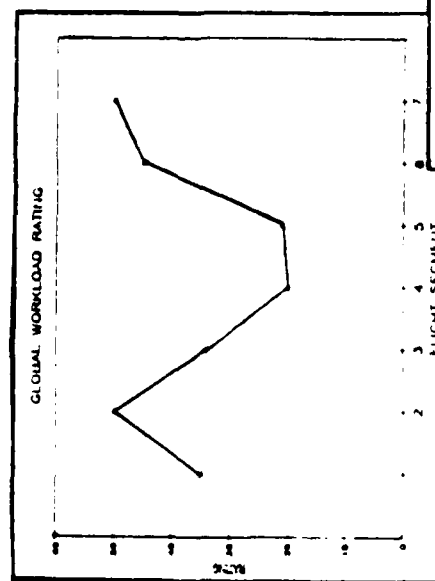
RATING SCALES MUST INTEGRATE MOMENTARY WORKLOAD DEMANDS ACROSS TIME, GIVING EQUAL WEIGHTS TO EVENTS THAT HAPPENED EARLY AND LATE IN THE INTERVAL.

EXAMPLE: NASA BIPOLAR RATINGS REFLECTED THE AVERAGE WORKLOAD OF INTERVALS FILLED WITH TASKS THAT INCREASED, DECREASED, OR REMAINED CONSTANT IN DIFFICULTY WITHIN THE INTERVAL TO BE ESTIMATED.



## SUBJECTIVE RATING: CONSTRUCT VALIDITY

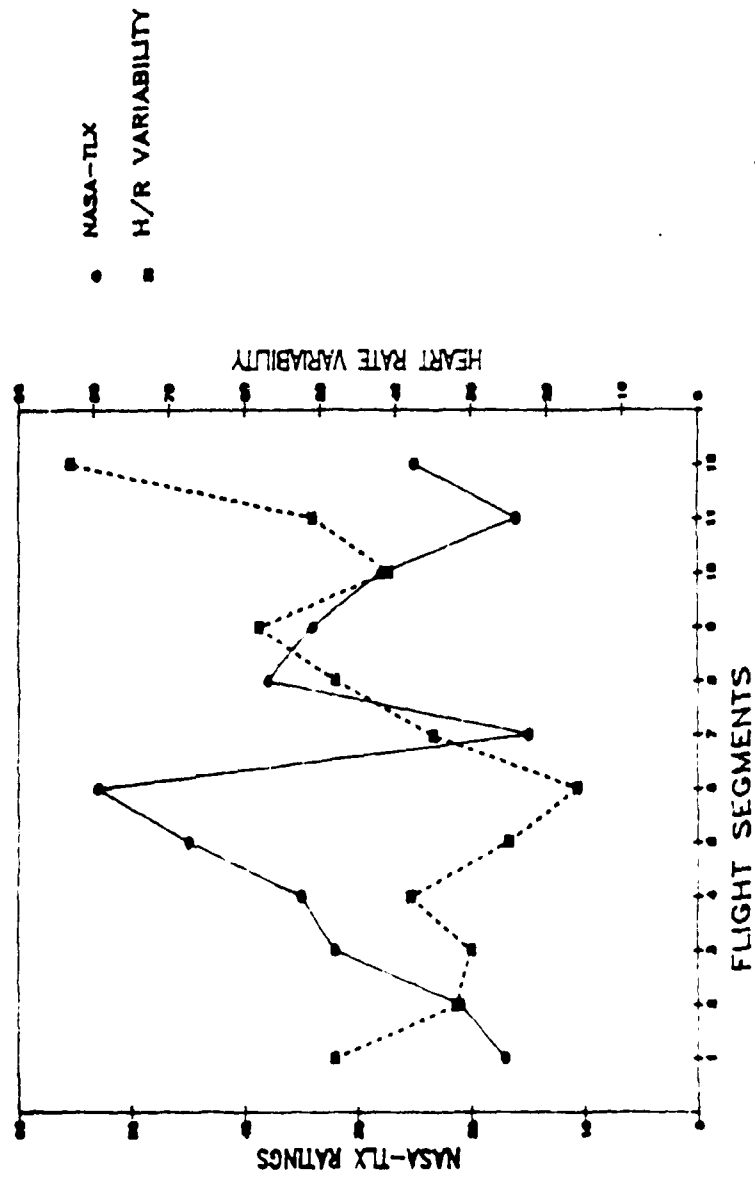
EXAMPLE: CONVERGING EVIDENCE WAS PROVIDED BY MULTIPLE MEASURES OF WORKLOAD TAKEN DURING 11 FLIGHTS OF THE NASA C-141 KUIPER AIRBORNE OBSERVATORY.



Hart & Hauser, in press

## SUBJECTIVE RATING: CONSTRUCT VALIDITY

EXAMPLE: COMPARISON BETWEEN NASA-TASK LOAD INDEX RATINGS AND HEART RATE VARIABILITY MEASURES OBTAINED DURING EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHTS IN THE NASA SH-3G HELICOPTER.



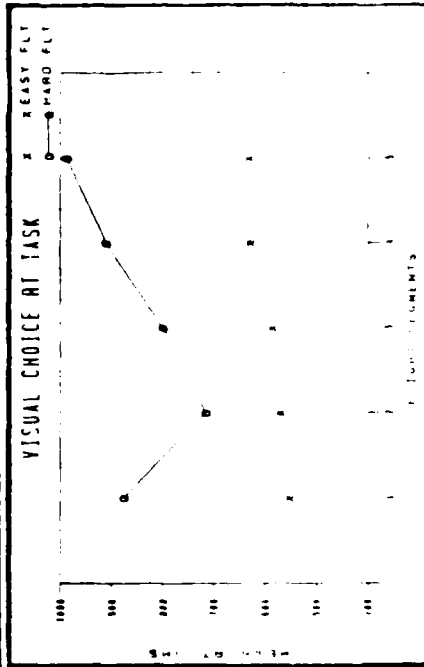
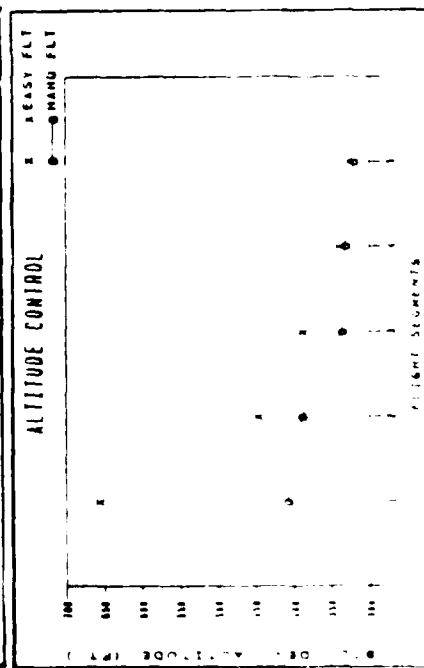
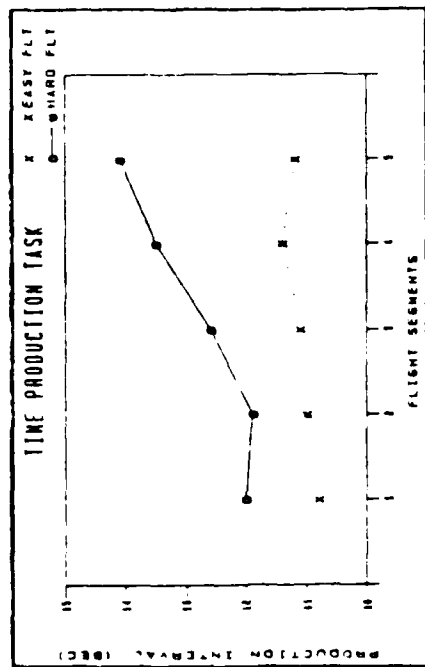
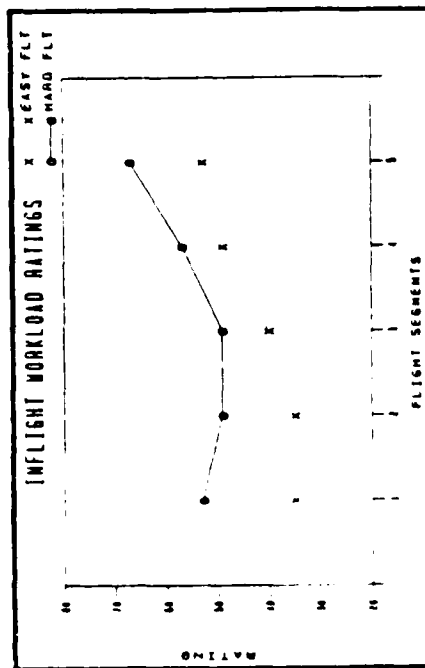
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Shively et al., in press



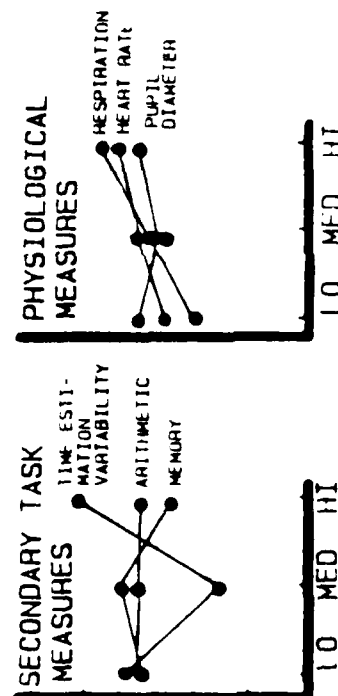
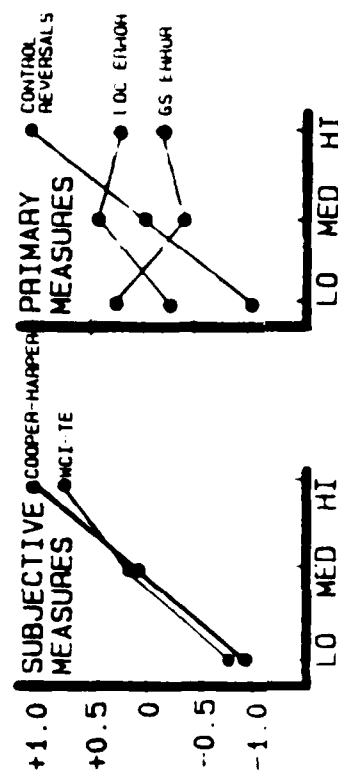
## SUBJECTIVE RATING: CONSTRUCT VALIDITY

EXAMPLE: CONVERGING EVIDENCE WAS PROVIDED BY MULTIPLE MEASURES OF WORKLOAD OBTAINED DURING INSTRUMENT FLIGHTS PERFORMED IN A MOTION-BASE SIMULATOR. FLIGHT-SEGMENT DIFFICULTY WAS ESTABLISHED A PRIORI.



## SUBJECTIVE RATING: CONSTRUCT VALIDITY

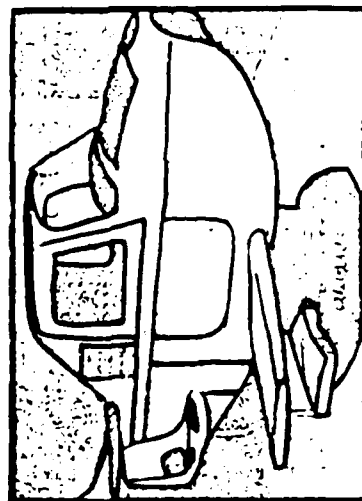
EXAMPLE: LACK OF CONVERGING EVIDENCE AMONG MANY TYPES OF WORKLOAD MEASURES OBTAINED DURING A SIMULATION EXPERIMENT THAT VARIED LEVELS OF PERCEPTUAL/MOTOR LOAD. WHICH EVIDENCE DO YOU BELIEVE? WERE THE WORKLOAD LEVELS REALLY DIFFERENT?



ADDITIONAL INSENSITIVE MEASURES:

DIGIT SHADOWING, EYEBLINK FREQUENCY, VOICE STRESS,

Wierwille & Connor, 1983



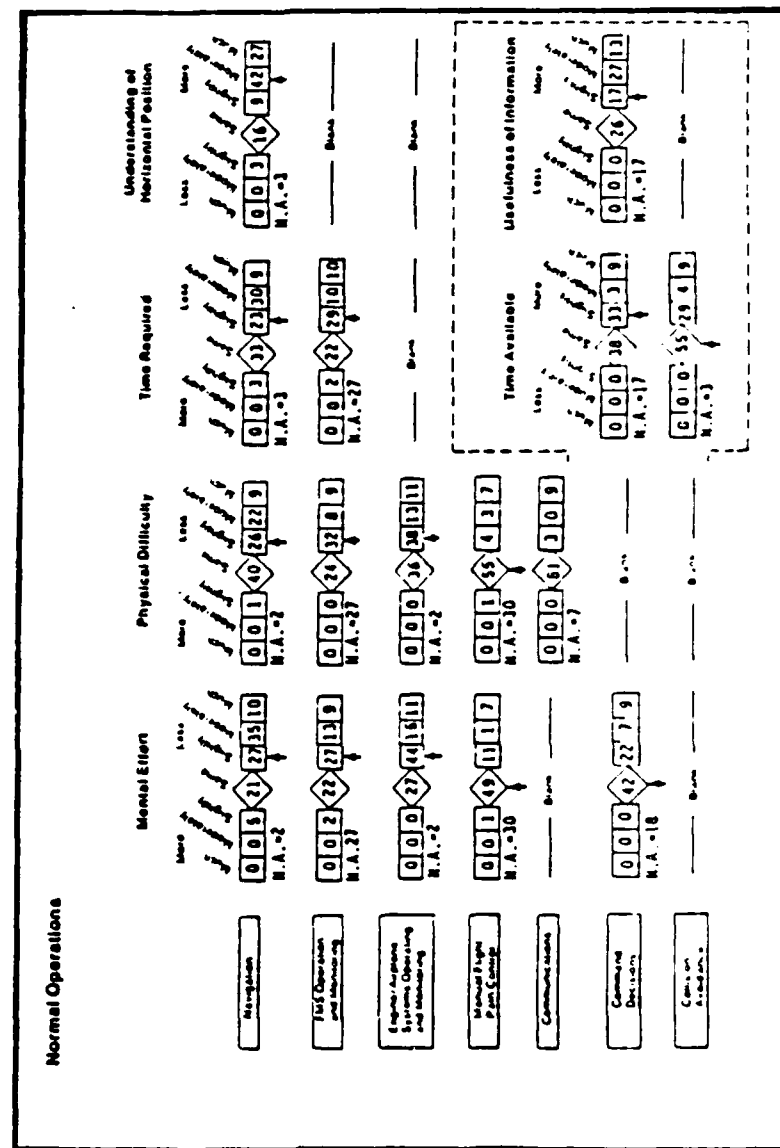
## **SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: DIAGNOSTICITY**

TO BE USEFUL IN AIRCRAFT CERTIFICATION, A MEASURE MUST PROVIDE DIAGNOSTIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPECIFIC SOURCES OF WORKLOAD THAT WERE RELEVANT IN A PARTICULAR TASK

- o PSYCHOLOGICAL VARIABLES
  - PHYSICAL DEMANDS/EFFORT
  - MENTAL DEMANDS/EFFORT
  - STRESS
  - TIME PRESSURE
- o TASK-RELATED VARIABLES
  - FLIGHT PATH CONTROL
  - COLLISION AVOIDANCE
  - NAVIGATION
  - COMMUNICATIONS
  - COMMAND DECISIONS
- o ENVIRONMENTAL VARIABLES
  - SOCIAL
  - PHYSICAL

# SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: DIAGNOSTICITY

EXAMPLE: DISTRIBUTIONS OF RATINGS OBTAINED DURING CERTIFICATION FLIGHTS FOR THE B-767 DURING DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL USING THE PILOT SUBJECTIVE EVALUATION SCALE



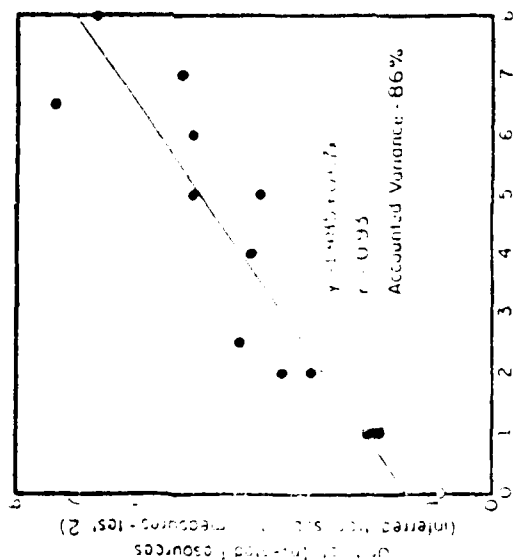
Ruggiero & Fadden, 1982

## **SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: REFERENCE, BENCHMARK, OR ANCHOR TASKS**

- REFERENCE TASKS CAN:
  - CALIBRATE RATERS
  - REDUCE INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES
  - STANDARDIZE THE FACTORS CONSIDERED IN PROVIDING RATINGS
  - HELP IN COMMUNICATING RESULTS
- OPERATIONALLY, THEY CAN BE EITHER:
  - PERFORMED AND RATED FOR COMPARISON WITH TARGET TASK
  - PERFORMED AND POSITIONED ARBITRARILY ON A SCALE AS AN ANCHOR - RATINGS ARE MADE RELATIVE TO THAT POSITION.
  - DESCRIBED, RATED FROM PILOTS' RECOLLECTIONS OF SIMILAR EXPERIENCES, AND COMPARED TO TARGET TASK.

### SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: USE OF A REFERENCE TASK (1)

EXAMPLE: MAGNITUDE ESTIMATES OF TASK DIFFICULTY WERE OBTAINED (RELATIVE TO A SINGLE-AXIS TRACKING TASK REFERENCE) FOR DIFFERENT SINGLE-AND DUAL-TASK CONDITIONS.



they (1) ... *Index (based upon task characteristics)* ...

Raw Scores	Transformed
Practice	.98
Test 1	.98
Reevaluation 1	.98
Test 2	.98
Reevaluation 2	.97

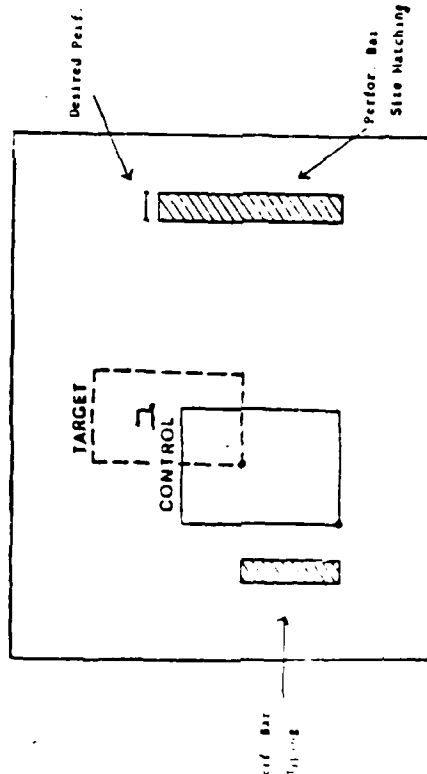
(N first half = 29; N second half = 26)

## SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: USE OF A REFERENCE TASK (2)

EXAMPLE: MAGNITUDE ESTIMATES OF TASK DIFFICULTY WERE OBTAINED FOR DIFFERENT SINGLE- AND DUAL-TASK COMBINATIONS RELATIVE TO:

- (1) A SINGLE-AXIS TRACKING TASK
- (2) A LETTER-ENTRY TASK

RESULTS: THE MAGNITUDE OF THE RATINGS WAS INFLUENCED BY THE REFERENCE TASK USED



Reference task effect on load estimates of the letter typing task

Conditions Reference Tasks	Ss	SD	D Primary	Overall
Reference Size Matching	82.43	81.56	138.70	100.90
Reference Letter Typing	98.98	96.20	116.80	103.99

Reference task effect on load estimates of the size matching task

Conditions Reference Tasks	Ss	SD	D Primary	Overall
Reference Size Matching	110.47	101.57	139.87	117.30
Reference Letter Typing	95.14	91.89	119.07	102.03

Ss - Single Task in Single Session  
SD - Single Task in Dual Session  
D Primary - Primary Task in Dual Session

SUBJECT DISPLAY:  
DUAL TASK - SIZE MATCHING/TYPING

## **SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: PRACTICAL ISSUES**

- TO BE PRACTICALLY USEFUL, RESPONSES TO A RATING SCALE SHOULD BE EASY TO OBTAIN AND SHOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH TASK PERFORMANCE
- IF TASK PERFORMANCE IS DEGRADED OR ALTERED BY ADMINISTERING THE MEASURE, THE VALIDITY OF THE INFORMATION IT PROVIDES IS SUSPECT FOR:
  - PRACTICAL REASONS
  - THEORETICAL REASONS



## **SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: AVAILABLE SCALES**

- UNIDIMENSIONAL SCALES
  - \* 10-CM LINE
  - \* McDONNELL
  - \* MAGNITUDE ESTIMATION
  - \* PAIRWISE COMPARISONS
- DECISION-TREE FORMAT
  - \* COOPER-HARPER HANDLING QUALITIES RATING SCALE (HQR)
  - \* WOLFE
  - \* SIMPSON-SHERIDAN
  - \* BEDFORD
  - \* MODIFIED COOPER-HARPER (MCH)
- MULTIDIMENSIONAL
  - \* SIMPSON-SHERIDAN
  - \* WORKLOAD/COMPENSATION INTERFERENCE/TECHNICAL EFFECTIVENESS (WCI/TE)
  - \* SUBJECTIVE WORKLOAD ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUE (SWAT)
  - \* NASA BIPOLAR RATING SCALE
  - \* NASA-TASK LOAD INDEX (TLX)
  - \* BOEING RATING SCALE

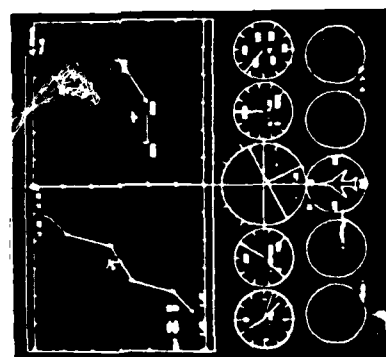
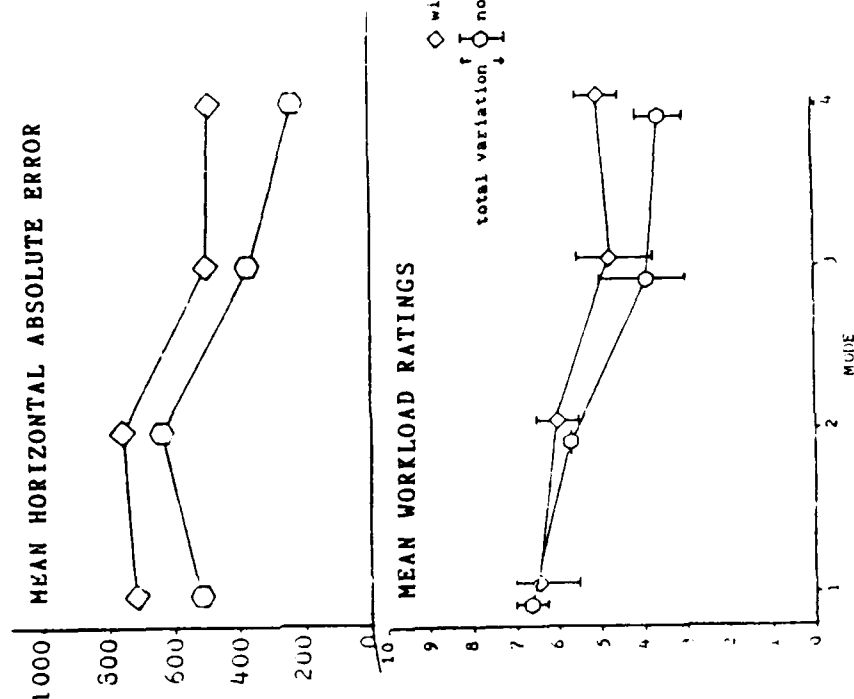
# UNIDIMENSIONAL WORKLOAD RATING SCALES

# SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: McDONNELL SCALE

DEMANDS ON PILOT	
0	
1	
2	
3	- Completely undemanding, very relaxed and comfortable
4	- Largely undemanding, relaxed
5	
6	- Mildly demanding of pilot attention, skill, or effort
7	- {Demanding of pilot attention, skill, or effort
8	- {Very demanding of pilot attention, skill, or effort
9	- {Completely demanding of pilot attention, skill, or effort
10	- Nearly uncontrollable
	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncontrollable
	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable

# SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: McDONNELL SCALE

EXAMPLE: COMPARISON OF McDONNELL SCALE RATINGS AND PERFORMANCE IN A SIMULATED YC-15. DIFFICULTY WAS MANIPULATED BY VARYING WIND GUSTS ACROSS SUCCESSIVELY HIGHER ORDERS OF CONTROL AUTOMATION (MODES)

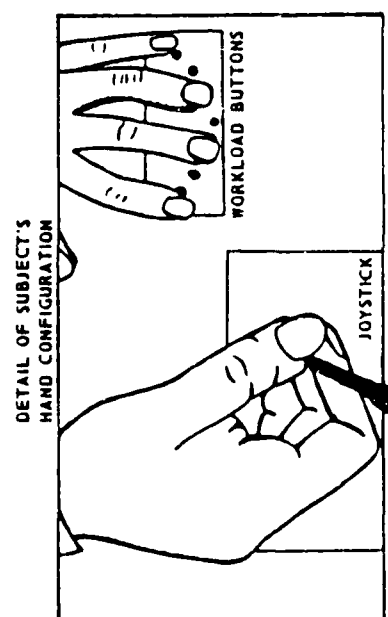
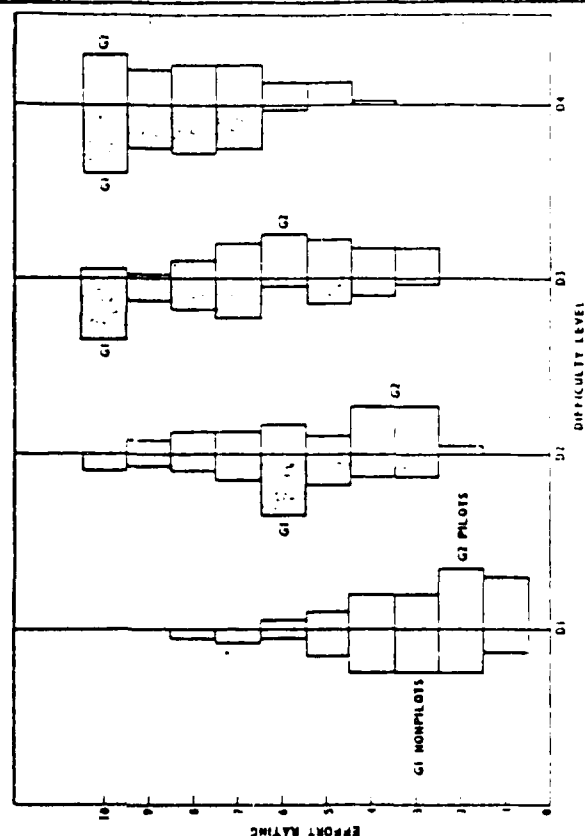


Computer Generated Display

Sheidman, Yoerger, Tulga, & Daryanian, 1978

# **RATING SCALES: UNIDIMENSIONAL SCALE** **PILOT OBJECTIVE/SUBJECTIVE WORKLOAD ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUE** **(POSWAT)**

EXAMPLE: DISCRETE DIFFICULTY RATINGS (10 POSSIBLE VALUES) WERE OBTAINED  
 AT 1-MIN INTERVALS DURING FOUR LEVELS OF A JEX UNSTABLE TRACKING TASK



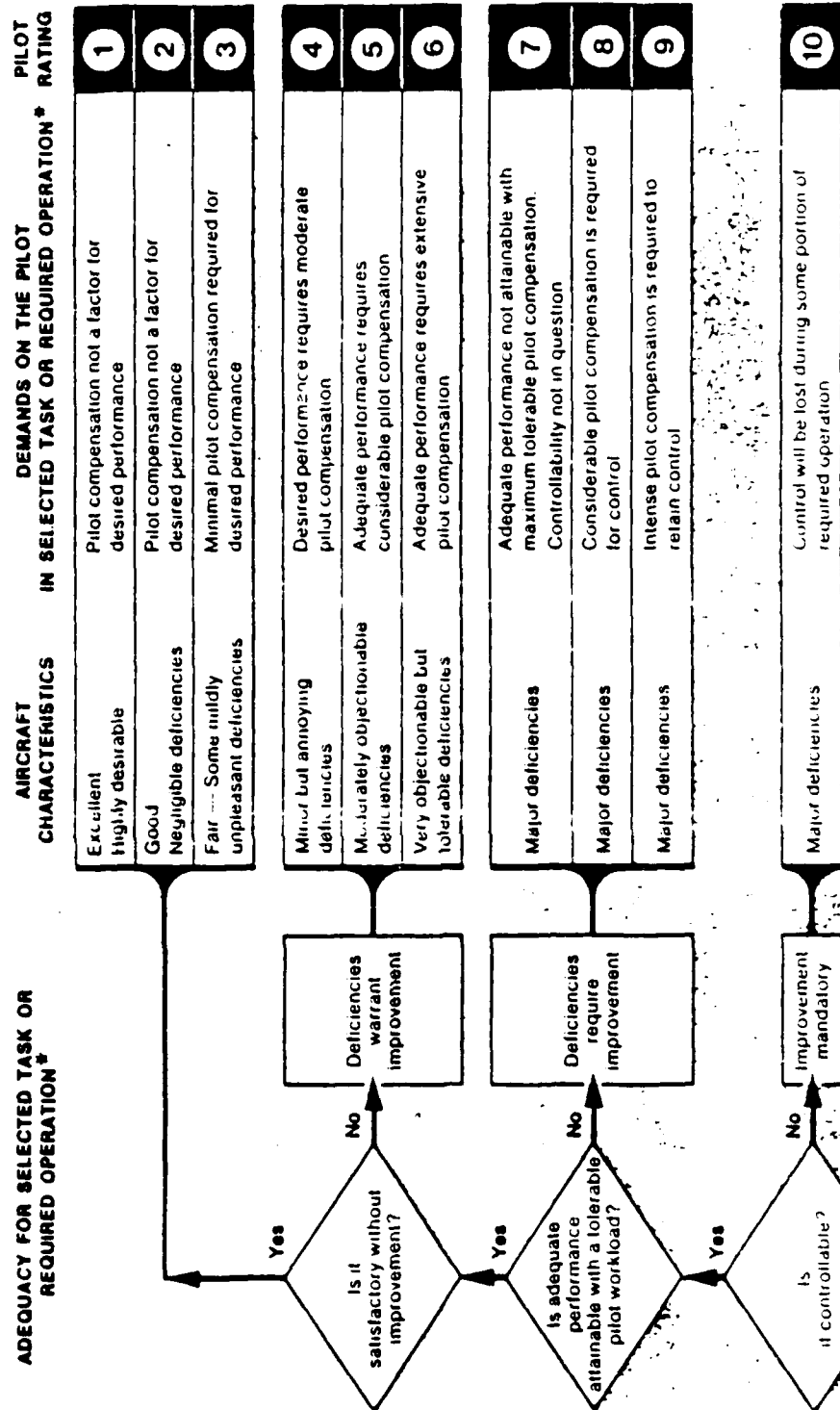
# **DECISION-TREE FORMAT SCALES**

# SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: ORIGINAL COOPER AND HARPER SCALES

COOPER					IN
QUESTIONS	SUBJECTIVE RATING	NOTES	PRIMARY ACTION REQUIRED	CAN BE	
1. Is the aircraft in good condition?	Yes		Yes	Yes	1
2. Is the aircraft in poor condition?	No		No	No	2
3. Is the aircraft in fair condition?	Yes		Yes	Yes	3
4. Is the aircraft in poor condition?	No		No	No	4
5. Is the aircraft in fair condition?	Yes		Yes	Yes	5
6. Is the aircraft in poor condition?	No		No	No	6
7. Is the aircraft in fair condition?	Yes		Yes	Yes	7
8. Is the aircraft in poor condition?	No		No	No	8
9. Is the aircraft in fair condition?	Yes		Yes	Yes	9
10. Is the aircraft in poor condition?	No		No	No	10

AIRCRAFT ACCEPTABILITY		EIGHT ACTION OR EFFORT REQUIRED	AIRCRAFT CATEGORY	IN
FLIGHT QUALITIES	ACCEPTABILITY			
1. Is the aircraft in good condition?	Yes		Excellent	1
2. Is the aircraft in poor condition?	No		Poor	2
3. Is the aircraft in fair condition?	Yes		Fair	3
4. Is the aircraft in poor condition?	No		Poor	4
5. Is the aircraft in fair condition?	Yes		Fair	5
6. Is the aircraft in poor condition?	No		Poor	6
7. Is the aircraft in fair condition?	Yes		Fair	7
8. Is the aircraft in poor condition?	No		Poor	8
9. Is the aircraft in fair condition?	Yes		Fair	9
10. Is the aircraft in poor condition?	No		Poor	10

# **RATING SCALES: COOPER-HANPHER HANDLING QUALITIES RATING SCALE**





## **RATING SCALES: COOPER-HARPER HANDLING QUALITIES RATING SCALE**

### **DEFINITIONS FROM TN-D-5153**

#### **COMPENSATION**

The measure of additional pilot effort and attention required to maintain a given level of performance in the face of deficient vehicle characteristics.

#### **HANDLING QUALITIES**

Those qualities or characteristics of an aircraft that govern the ease and precision with which a pilot is able to perform the tasks required in support of an aircraft role.

#### **MISSION**

The composite of pilot-vehicle functions that must be performed to fulfill operational requirements. May be specified for a role, complete flight, flight phase, or flight subphase.

#### **PERFORMANCE**

The precision of control with respect to aircraft movement that a pilot is able to achieve in performing a task. (Pilot-vehicle performance is a measure of handling performance. Pilot performance is a measure of the manner or efficiency with which a pilot moves the principal controls in performing a task.)

#### **ROLE**

The function or purpose that defines the primary use of an aircraft.

#### **TASK**

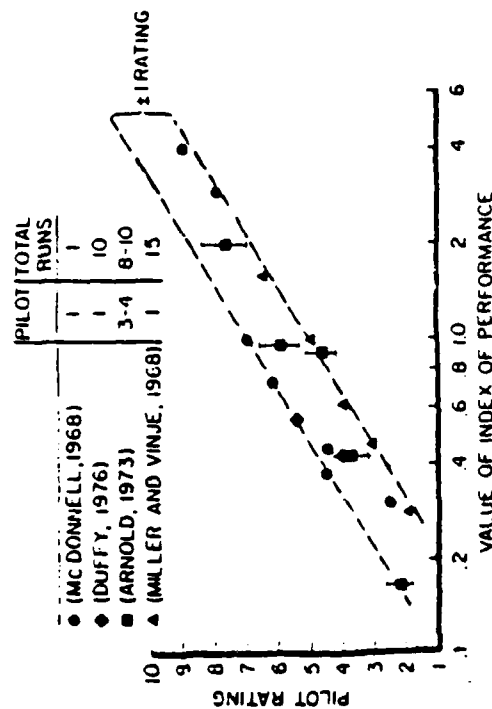
The actual work assigned a pilot to be performed in completion of or as representative of a designated flight segment.

#### **WORKLOAD**

The integrated physical and mental effort required to perform a specified piloting task.

# SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: COOPER-HARPER HANDLING QUALITIES RATINGS

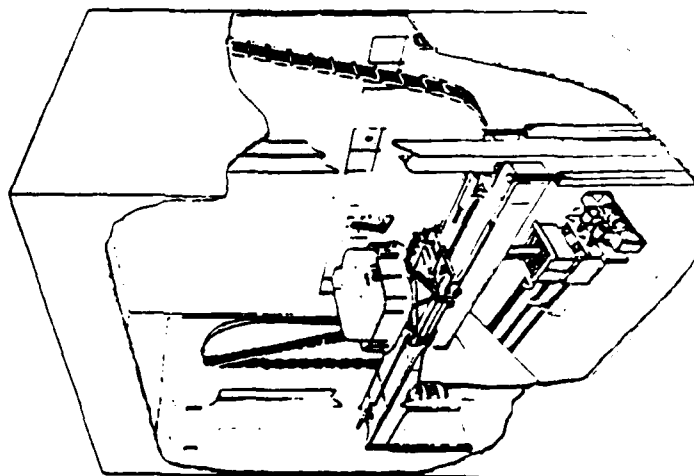
EXAMPLE: OBTAINED COOPER-HARPER HQS FROM A NUMBER OF EXPERIMENTS WERE COMPARED TO AN INTEGRATED INDEX OF TASK PERFORMANCE



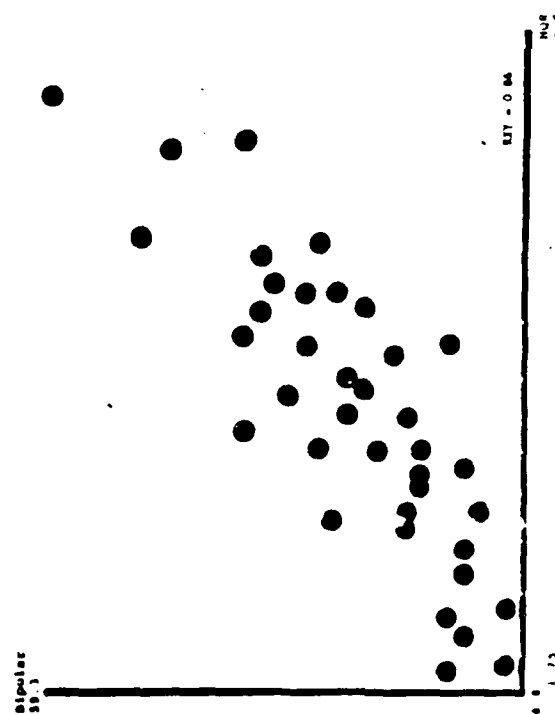
Hess, 1977

## SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: COOPER-HARPER HQRS (CONVERGING EVIDENCE OF VALIDITY)

EXAMPLE: WORKLOAD RATINGS AND HQR RATINGS WERE OBTAINED DURING AN ADVANCED HELICOPTER SIMULATION. LEVEL OF AUTOMATION AND CREW SIZE (ONE vs TWO) WERE VARIED. IN THIS SITUATION, THE TWO MEASURES REFLECTED THE SAME FACTORS (E.G., WORKLOAD)



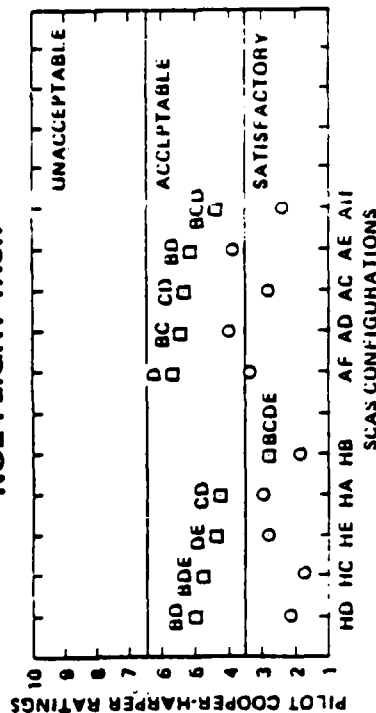
NASA BIPOLOAR vs COOPER-HARPER HQRS



Haworth, Blvens, & Shively, 1986

# SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: COOPER-HARPER HQRS

## NOE FLIGHT TASK



□ SINGLE PILOT  
○ DUAL PILOT

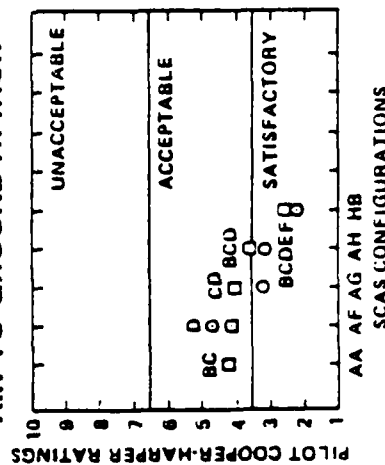
### SCAS CONFIGURATIONS:

A-ATTITUDE COMMAND/STABILIZATION  
B-ADCS HYBRID CONTROL SYSTEM

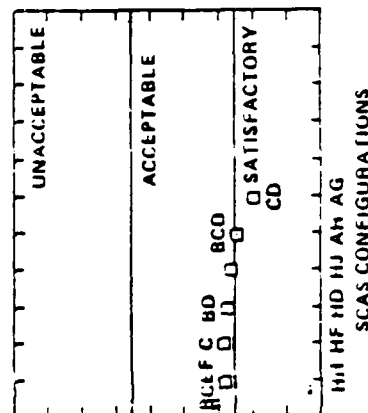
### PILOT-SELECTABLE FEATURES:

B-TURN COORDINATION  
C-HEADING HOLD  
D-ALTITUDE HOLD  
E-AIR SPEED HOLD  
F-POSITION HOLD

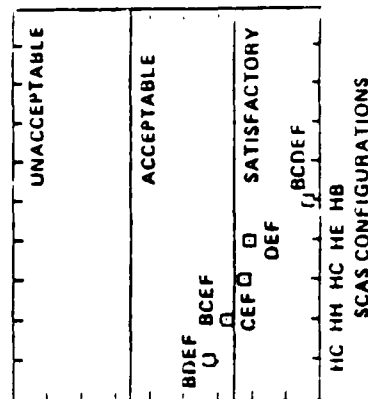
## AIR-TO-GROUND ATTACK



## AIR-TO-AIR ENGAGEMENT TASK



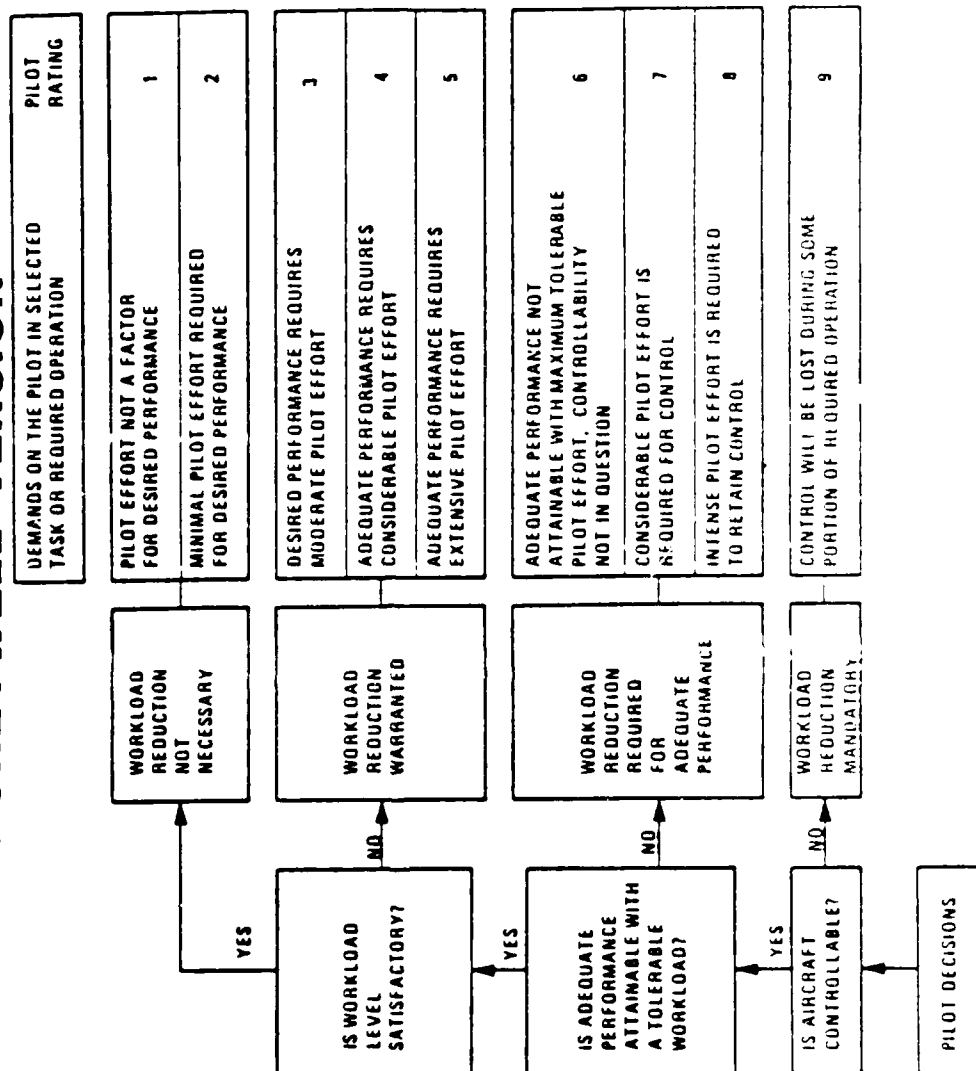
## HOVER TASK



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# RATING SCALES: MODIFIED COOPER-HARPER SCALE

## HONEYWELL VERSION

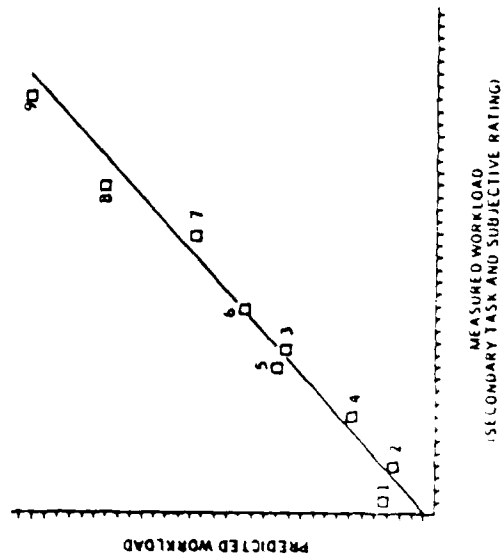


Wolfe, 1977; Stackhouse & Petersen, 1972  
 North, Stackhouse & Graffunder, 1979

# RATING SCALES: MODIFIED COOPER-HARPER SCALE HONEYWELL VERSION

EXAMPLE: RATINGS WERE COMPARED TO A WORKLOAD INDEX DERIVED FROM MULTIPLE FEATURES OF PHYSIOLOGICAL MEASURES

9 LEVELS OF TRACKING TASK  
DIFFICULTY (3 WIND GUST LEVELS  
X 3 ORDER OF CONTROL LEVELS)



5 LATERAL-AXIS-OF-CONTROL  
MODELS FOR AN F-4C

WORKLOAD INDEX	PERFORMANCE			SUBJECTIVE RATING		
	LATERAL ERROR	VELOCITY ERROR	ALTITUDE ERROR	GLOBAL HQ	GLOBAL DEMANDS	COPPER-HARPER
3.16	1	2	1	1	1	1
1.91	2	1	2	2	2	2
1.86	4	3	3	3	3	3
1.86	5	4	4	4	4	4
1.40	3	5	5	5	5	5

F-RATIO	22.46	16.95	1.40	1.50	18.42	18.57	39.28
CORRELATION WITH WORKLOAD	1.00	0.907	0.692	0.474	0.812	0.804	0.879

$F_{0.01} = 3.48, F_{0.001} = 4.95$   
 $R_{0.05} = 0.602, R_{0.01} = 0.735$

Stackhouse & Peterson, 1972

# RATING SCALES: ORIGINAL SIMPSON-SHERIDAN SCALE

## LEVEL OF WORKLOAD

1	All tasks accomplished without interruptions.
2	Few interruptions in planning tasks. Idle time exists between most tasks.
3	Interruptions occur in monitoring and planning tasks. Idle time exists.

4	Most planning tasks are interrupted. Idle periods are rare. Few interruptions in monitoring.
5	Most monitoring and planning tasks are interrupted.
6	Two operating tasks occur simultaneously on occasional interruptions occur in monitoring and planning tasks.

7	Operating tasks occur simultaneously. Most planning tasks are interrupted. A low probability of task error exists.
8	Three operating tasks occur simultaneously. Most monitoring and planning tasks are interrupted. Moderate probability of task error.
9	Many occurrences of simultaneous operating tasks. Severe delays and interruptions in monitoring. High probability of task error.

10	Insufficient time to accomplish all tasks.
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Crew procedures warrant improvement

Crew procedures require improvement

Mandatory improvement

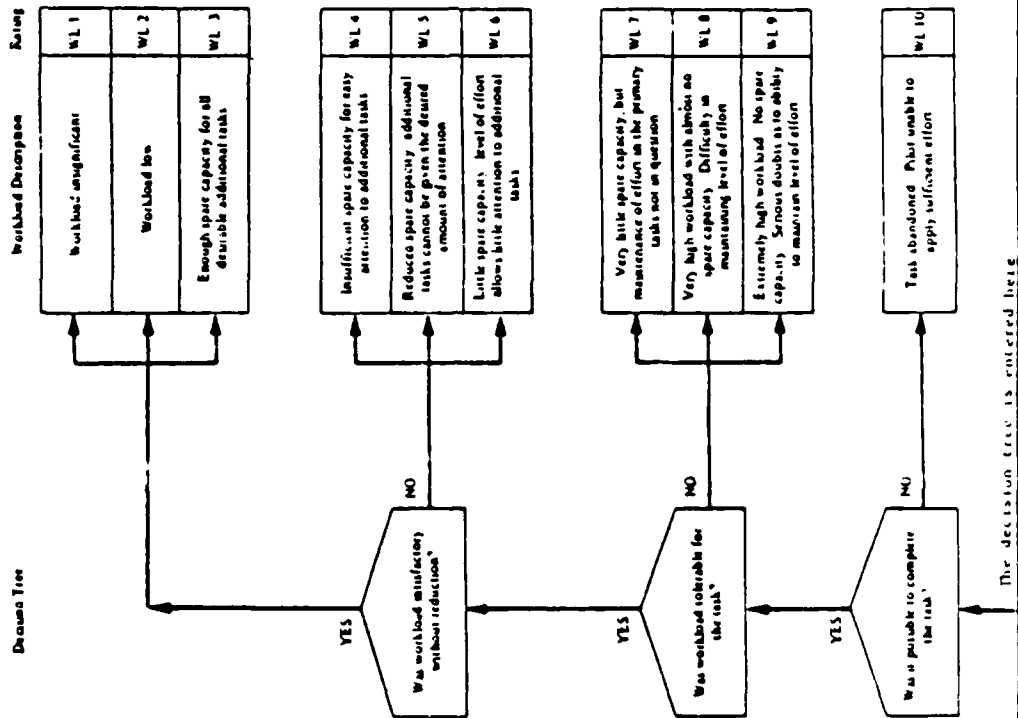
Is it satisfactory?

Is it acceptable?

Is it possible?

Pilot decision

# SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: BEDFORD SCALE





# SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: BEDFORD SCALE

## COMPARISON OF BEDFORD SCALE RATINGS WITH MEAN HEART RATE DURING CERTIFICATION FLIGHTS FOR THE BAE 146

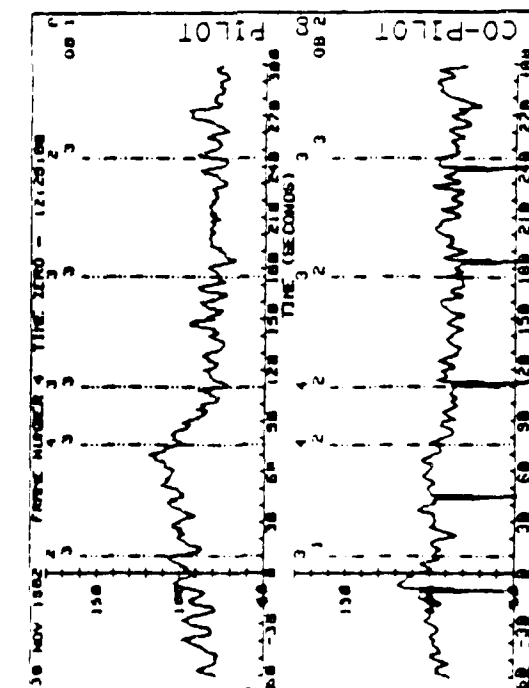
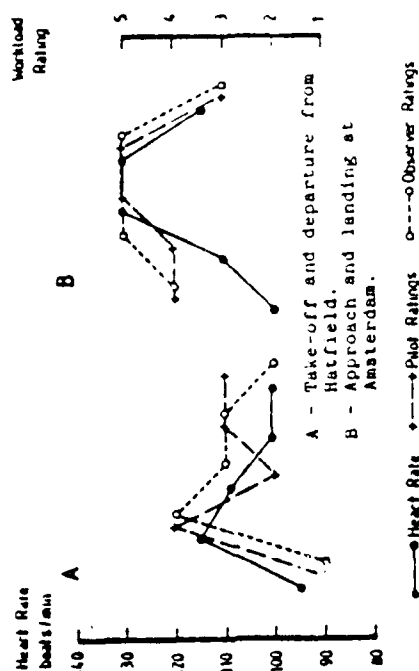
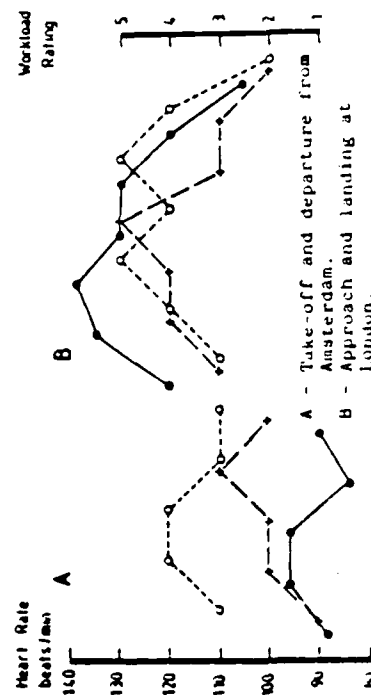


Fig 10 Example of beat-to-beat heart rate plots and workload ratings from the BAE 146 certification programme. (Recorded during a take-off from Amsterdam.)



A - Take-off and departure from Hatfield.  
B - Approach and landing at Amsterdam.

Heart Rate (beats/min) (solid line with dots)  
Pilot Ratings (dashed line with dots)  
Observer Ratings (dotted line with dots)



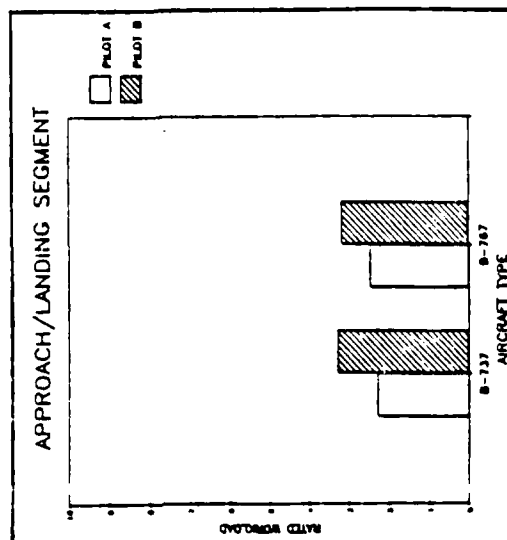
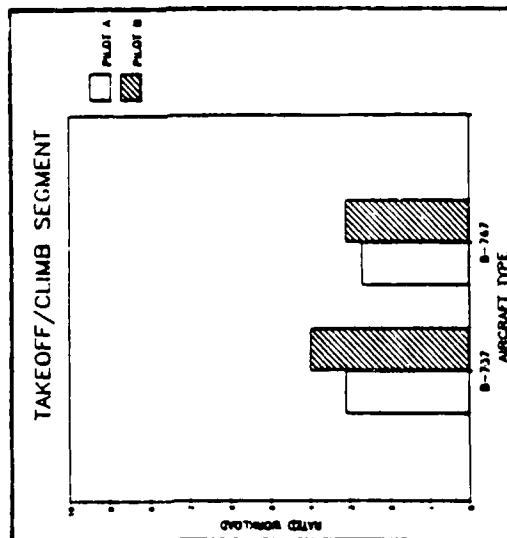
A - Take-off and departure from Amsterdam.  
B - Approach and landing at London.

NOTE: OBSERVER RATINGS WERE MORE CLOSELY RELATED TO VARIATIONS IN HEART RATE THAN PILOTS'

Roscoe, 1984

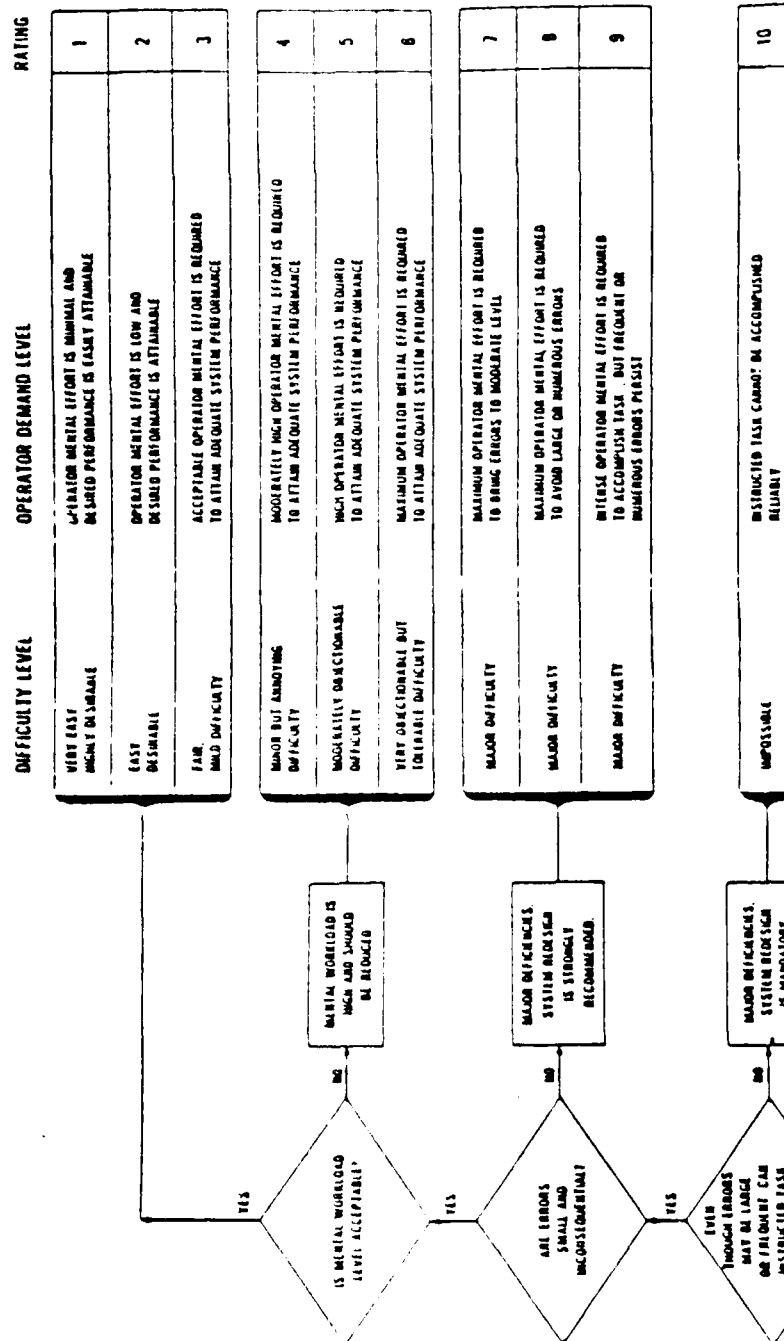
# **RATING SCALES: MODIFIED COOPER-HARPER SCALE BEDFORD SCALE**

EXAMPLE: INFLIGHT RATINGS WERE OBTAINED FROM TWO PILOTS DURING MANY FLIGHTS TO COMPARE THE WORKLOAD EXPERIENCED IN THE B-737 AND THE B-767



Roscoe & Grieve

# RATING SCALES: MODIFIED COOPER-HARPER SCALE (WIERWILLE)



## SUBJECTIVE RATING: CONSTRUCT VALIDITY

EXAMPLE: LACK OF CONVERGING EVIDENCE AMONG MANY TYPES OF WORKLOAD MEASURES OBTAINED DURING FOUR EXPERIMENTS CONDUCTED IN A GAT SIMULATOR. INDIVIDUAL EXPERIMENTS EMPHASIZED PSYCHOMOTOR, PERCEPTUAL, MEDIATIONAL, AND COMMUNICATIONS SOURCES OF WORKLOAD. WHICH EVIDENCE DO YOU BELIEVE? WERE THE LEVELS OF DEMANDS IMPOSED BY TASKS WITHIN EACH EXPERIMENT REALLY DIFFERENT?

	Experiment			
	Psychomotor	Perceptual	Mediational	Communication
<b>Opinion Measures</b>				
Cooper-Harper Scale	A	—	—	—
Modified Cooper-Harper Scale	—	B	B	B
Workload Compensation	—	—	—	—
Interference/Tech Effectiveness Scale	A	B	B	—
Multiple Descriptor Scale	—	B	ns	C
<b>Primary Task Measures</b>				
RMS Locator Error	ns	—	—	—
RMS Glide Slope Error	ns	—	—	—
Control Movements per Second	A	ns	ns	ns
Pitch High Pass Mean Square	—	ns	ns	ns
Roll High Pass Mean Square	—	ns	ns	ns
Perceptual Response Time	—	A	—	—
Mediational Response Time	—	—	A	—
Communications Response Time	—	—	—	(LREVI)
Mediational Error Rate	—	—	B	—
Communications Errors of Omission	—	—	—	B
Communications Errors of Commission	—	—	—	B
<b>Secondary Task Measures</b>				
Digit Shadowing	ns	—	—	—
Memory Scanning	ns	—	—	—
Sternberg	ns	—	—	—
Mental Arithmetic	ns	—	—	—
Time Estimation Mean Standard Error	ns	—	—	—
Absolute Error	ns	—	—	—
RMS Error	ns	—	—	—
Tapping Regularity	—	B	ns	ns
<b>Physiological Measures</b>				
Pulse Rate Mean	C	ns	ns	ns
Pulse Rate Standard Deviation	ns	ns	ns	ns
Pupil Diameter	ns	ns	ns	ns
Respiration Rate	ns	ns	ns	ns
Eye Blinks per Second	ns	ns	ns	ns
Eye Transition	ns	ns	ns	ns
Frequency	ns	ns	ns	ns
Eye Fixations	—	—	—	—
Voice Pattern Analysis	ns	—	—	—

### KEY

A, B, C (Discriminated among 3, 2, or 1 pairs of load conditions)  
 ns (Did not discriminate among any conditions)  
 — (The measure was not included)  
 INT, NM, (The measure was interfering or non-monotonically related with load levels)

Wierwille, Casali, Connor, & Rahimi, 1985

# **MULTI-DIMENSIONAL SCALES**

T	E	C
N	N	I
C	A	L
E	F	F
E	C	T
T	I	V
V	E	N
E	S	S

Multiple Tasks  
Integrated

Design Enhances  
Specific Task  
Accomplishment

Adequate Perfor-  
mance Achievable;  
Design Sufficient  
to Specific Task

Inadequate perfor-  
mance Due to  
Technical Design

Workload Extreme; Compensation Extreme; Interference Extreme	Workload High; Compensation High; Interference High	Workload Moderate; Compensation Moderate; Interference Moderate	Workload Low; Compensation Low; Interference Low

# **RATING SCALE: LATER VERSION OF SIMPSON-SHERIDAN SCALE**

1	FRACTION OF TIME BUSY	
	scldom have anything to do	
	have free moments of time:	often
		occasionally
		very rarely
	fully occupied every single instant	
2.	INTENSITY OF THINKING/INFORMATION-PROCESSING	
	activity is completely automatic; no conscious thinking or planning required	
	considerable effort and planning required due to problem complexity, uncertainty, unpredictability, ambiguity, etc., is:	low level, occasional
		moderate
		high level
	supreme mental effort and concentration are absolutely necessary	
3.	INTENSITY OF FEELING	
	experience is relaxing, nothing to be concerned about	
	emotional stress, anxiety, worry, frustration, confusion, etc., are:	mild, occasional
		moderate
		high level
	severe and intense psychological stress	

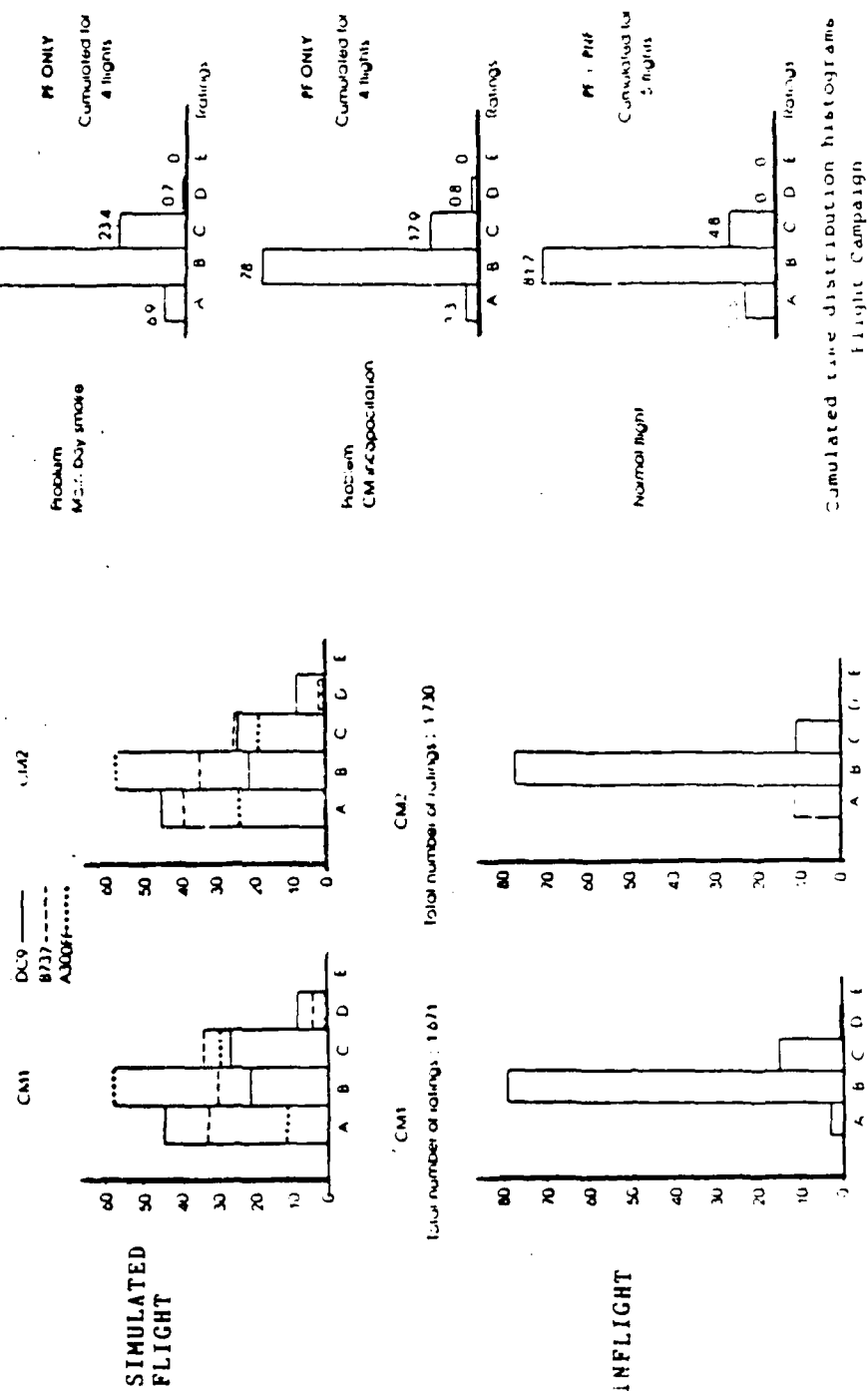
# SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: AIRBUS RATING SCALE

WORKLOAD ASSESSMENT	CRITERIA			APPRECIATION
	RESERVE CAPACITY	INTERRUPTIONS	EFFORT OR STRESS	
LIGHT 2	AMPLE	—	—	VERY ACCEPTABLE
MODERATE 3	ADEQUATE	SOME	—	WELL ACCEPTABLE
FAIR 4	SUFFICIENT	RECURRING	NOT UNIQUE	ACCEPTABLE
HIGH 5	REDUCED	REPETITIVE	MARKED	HIGH BUT ACCEPTABLE
HEAVY 6	LITTLE	FREQUENT	SIGNIFICANT	JUST ACCEPTABLE
EXTREME 7	NONE	CONTINUOUS	ACUTE	NOT ACCEPTABLE CONTINUOUSLY
SUPREME 8	IMPAIRMENT	IMPAIRMENT	IMPAIRMENT	NOT ACCEPTABLE INSTANTANEOUSLY



# SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: AIRBUS RATING SCALE

## SUMMARY OF WORKLOAD RATINGS OBTAINED DURING A300FF CERTIFICATION (SIMULATOR AND INFLIGHT)



# **SUBJECTIVE WORKLOAD ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUE**

**SWAT**

SOAT... 27 COMBINATIONS FROM LOWEST TO HIGHEST WORKLOAD;

Often have spare time. Interruptions or overlap among activities  
is infrequently or not at all.

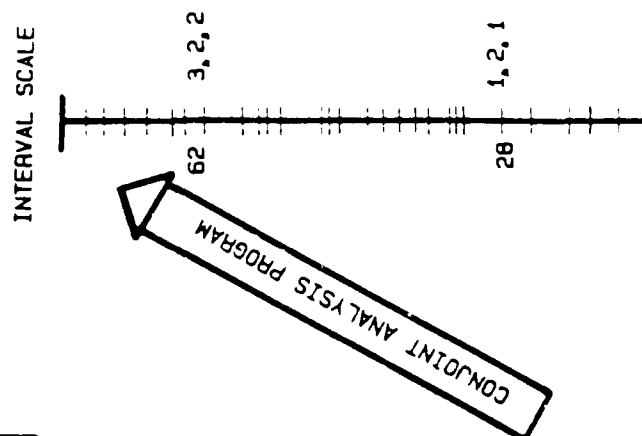
tolerate continuous mental effort or concentration required. Complexity of activity is moderately high due to uncertainty, unpredictability, or unfamiliarity. Considerable attention required.

little confusion, risk, frustration, or anxiety, exists and can be easily accommodated.

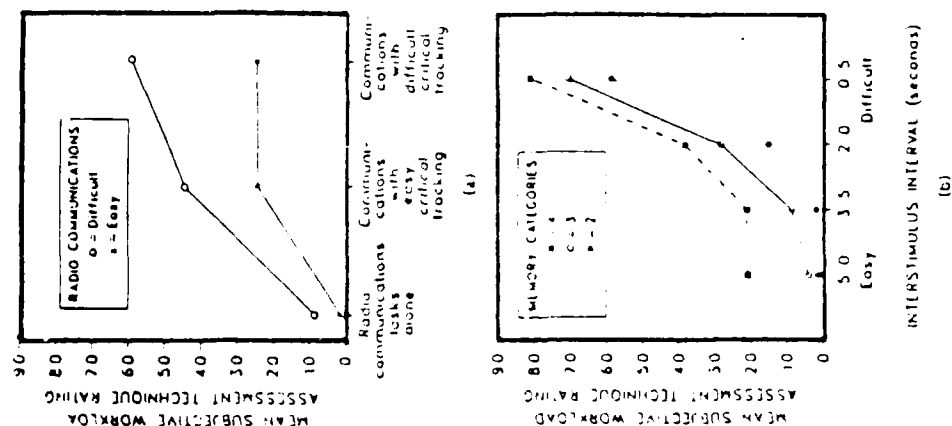
Almost never have spare time. Interruptions or overlap among activities are very frequent, or occur all the time.

Moderate conscious mental effort or concentration required. Complexity of activity is moderately high due to uncertainty, unpredictability, or unfamiliarity. Considerable attention required.

Psychiatric stress due to confusion, frustration, anxiety, nutritional, and to unmet significant compensation is required to maintain adequate performance.



**SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: SWAT (EVIDENCE OF SENSITIVITY)**

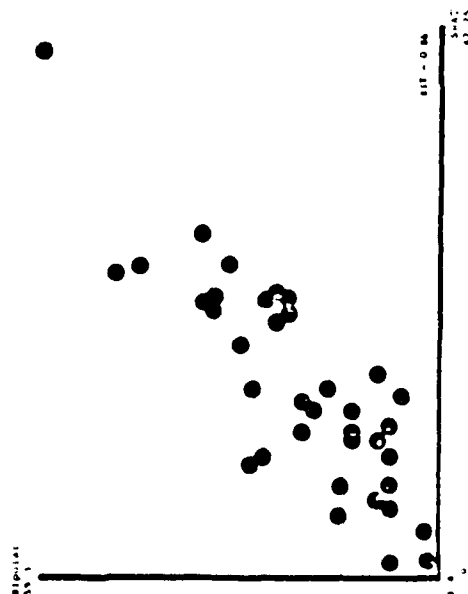


**Figure 418** Mean Subjective Workload Assessment Technique (SWAT) ratings as a function of task difficulty in several different types of tasks (a). The effects of two levels of primary task tracking difficulty with a simple and a difficult version of a secondary aircrew radio communications task (Bred, Shingledexter, & Eggemeier, 1981). Both radio communications condition (load) and tracking task difficulty significantly affected ( $p < .01$ ) mean SWAT ratings. Post hoc, multiple comparisons tests indicated that low difficulty tracking ratings were significantly different from those associated with high difficulty tracking ( $p < .01$ ), and that ratings from the single task conditions were lower than ratings from the dual task conditions. SWAT ratings, therefore, showed that an increase in difficulty in the tracking task and reflected the additional workload imposed by the more difficult dual task condition in the effects of task difficulty on memory task difficulty on mean SWAT ratings. (Eggemeier, 1981; Bred, Shingledexter, 1982) (Difficulty of a memory task is manipulated by varying the number of information categories flow in memory (a) or how that to be retained in memory and the interstimulus interval (0.5, 2.0, 3.5, and 5.0 seconds). Both manipulations produced significant effects ( $p < .01$ ) on SWAT ratings, thereby supporting the sensitivity of the procedure to difficulty manipulations in this task. Taken together, the results of Graphs (a) and (b) support the capability of the SWAT technique to discriminate workload differences in both central processing and motor output tasks (Bredman et al., Bred, C. A. Shingledexter, & T. Eggemeier, 1981). Application of conjoint measurement to workload scale development. Proceedings of the Human Factors Society, 25th Annual Meeting. Copyright 1981 by Human Factors Society. And redrawn from Eggemeier, C. B. Red, & C. A. Shingledexter. Subjective workload assessment in a memory task. In Eggemeier, T. (Ed.), *Subjective workload assessment in a memory task*. Copyright 1982 by Human Factors Society. Reprinted with permission.)

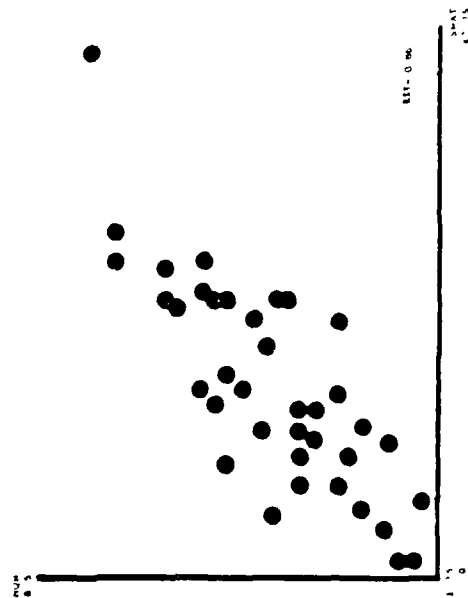
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SWAT vs NASA BIPOLAR RATINGS



SWAT vs COOPER-HARPER HQRS

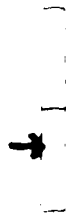


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Haworth, Stevens, & Shively, 1986

# SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: SWAT VS NASA BIPOLAR RATINGS COMPARISON OF RELIABILITY/SENSITIVITY (1)

TRACKING  
DISPLAY



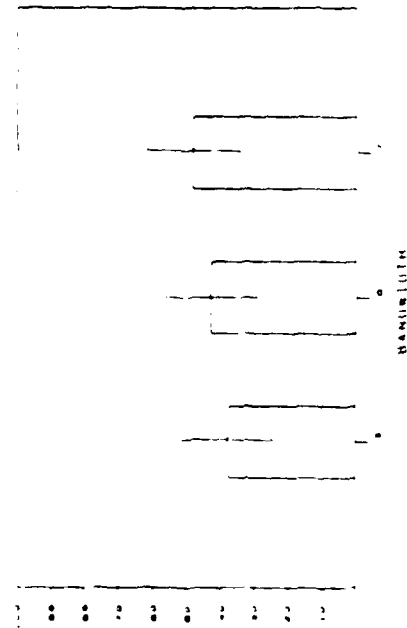
OBJECTIVE: TO COMPARE THE SENSITIVITY AND STABILITY OF TWO MULTI-DIMENSIONAL RATING TECHNIQUES FOR WORKLOAD ASSESSMENT

APPROACH: TRACKING TASKS  
RATINGS WERE OBTAINED WITH EACH TECHNIQUE FOLLOWING THE PERFORMANCE OF A SINGLE-AXIS TRACKING TASK:  
BANDWIDTHS = .3, .5, .7

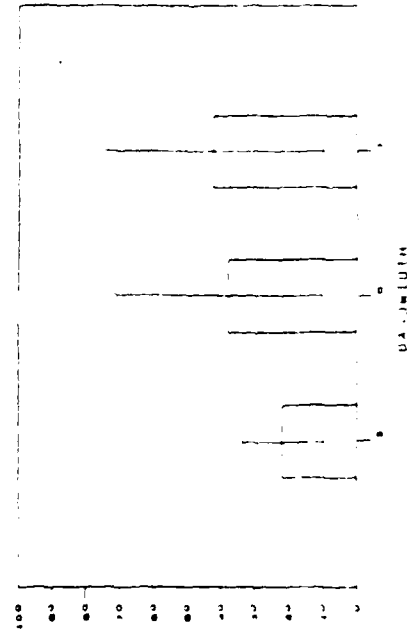
RESULTS: ALTHOUGH BOTH MEASURES INDICATED INCREASING WORKLOAD AS BANDWIDTH INCREASED, THE DIFFERENCE WAS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT FOR THE NASA RATINGS ONLY.

BETWEEN-SUBJECT VARIABILITY WAS REDUCED MORE BY THE NASA TECHNIQUE THAN BY SWAT

NASA WORKLOAD RATINGS FOR SINGLE TASK TRACKING

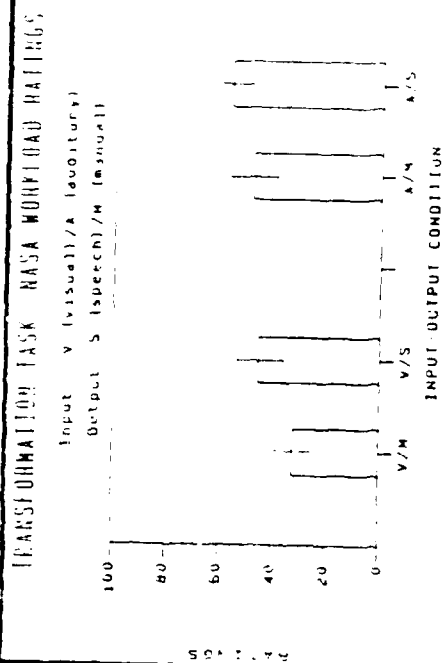


SWAT WORKLOAD RATINGS FOR SINGLE-TASK TRACKING



## SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: SWAT VS NASA BIPOLAR RATINGS COMPARISON OF RELIABILITY/SENSITIVITY (2)

### TRANSFORMATION DISPLAY



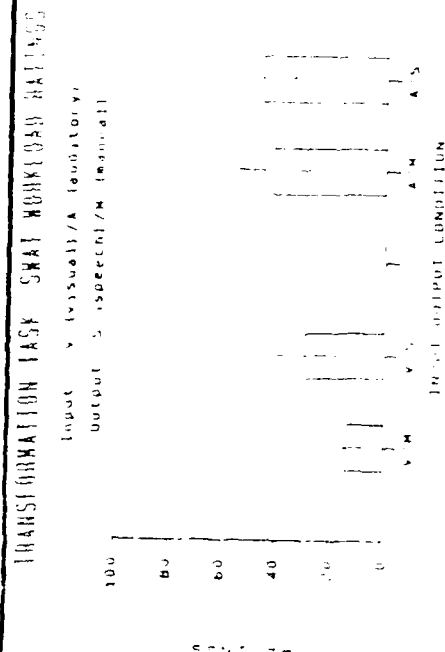
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APPROACH: TRANSFORMATION TASKS RATINGS WERE OBTAINED WITH EACH TECHNIQUE FOLLOWING THE PERFORMANCE OF A SPATIAL TRANSFORMATION TASK: (E.G. "NORTH-EAST", "SOUTH", etc)

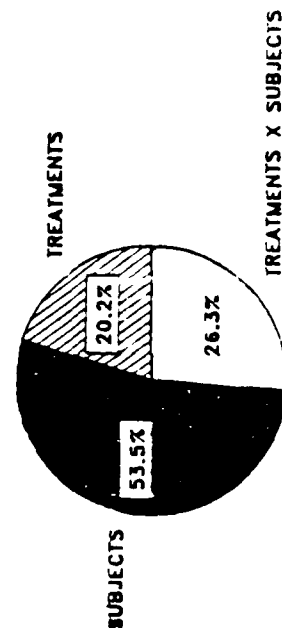
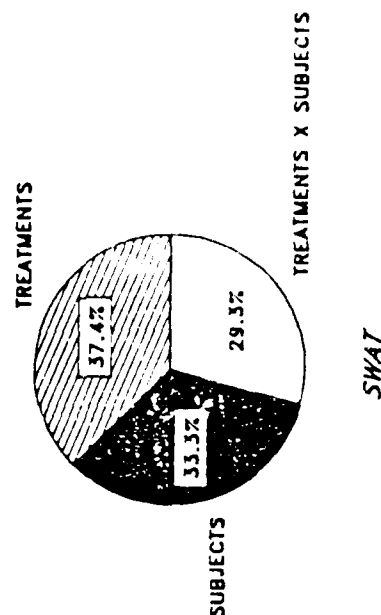
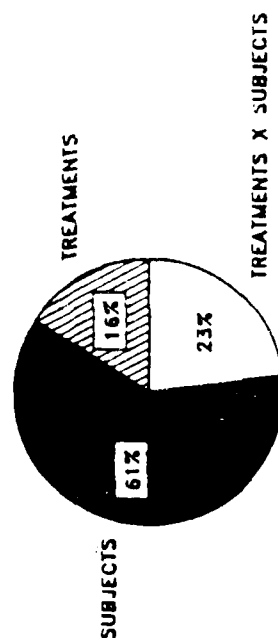
RESULTS: FOR BOTH TECHNIQUES, AUDITORY INPUT WAS RATED AS SIGNIFICANTLY MORE LOADING THAN VISUAL

FOR BOTH TECHNIQUES, SPEECH OUTPUT WAS RATED AS SIGNIFICANTLY MORE LOADING THAN MANUAL

AGAIN, BETWEEN-SUBJECT VARIABILITY WAS GREATER WITH THE SWAT TECHNIQUE

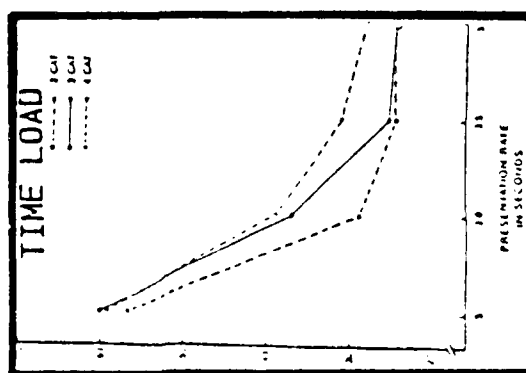
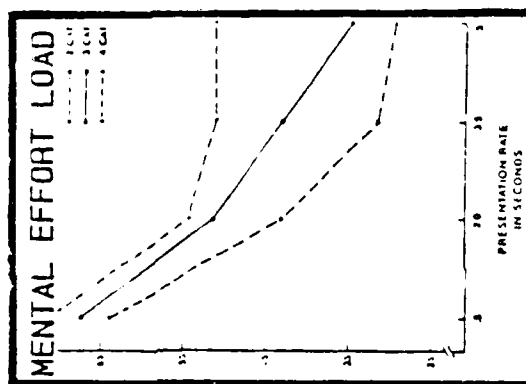
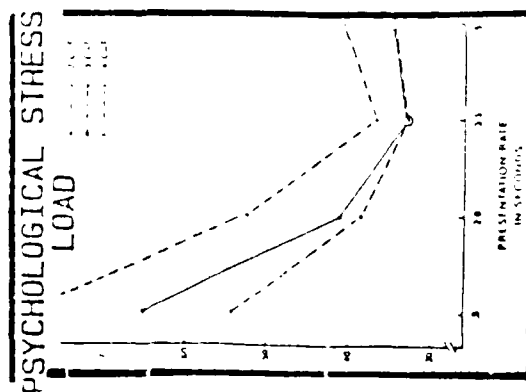


# COMPARISONS AMONG WORKLOAD RATINGS SOURCES OF VARIABILITY





# SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: SWAT (EVIDENCE OF DIAGNOSTICITY)



# **NASA BIPOLAR RATING SCALE**

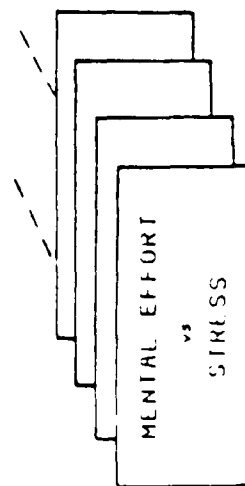
# **SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: NASA BIPOlar RATING SCALE** **(EARLY VERSION OF NASA-TLX)**

## **WORKLOAD DIMENSIONS:**

- TASK DIFFICULTY
- TIME PRESSURE
- UNIT PERFORMANCE
- PHYSICAL EFFORT
- MENTAL EFFORT
- SLEEP
- FATIGUE
- FRUSTRATION
- TYPE OF TASK

## **"WEIGHTS"**

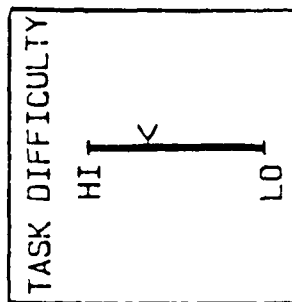
EACH OF 9 FACTORS IS COMPARED WITH EVERY OTHER ONE (WHICH IS MORE RELATED TO WORKLOAD?)



0 = NEVER SELECTED  
8 = ALWAYS SELECTED

## **BIPOlar RATINGS:**

THE AMOUNT OF EACH FACTOR EXPERIENCED IN A TASK IS EVALUATED ON A BIPOlar SCALE:



## **WEIGHTING PROCEDURE**

EACH "RATING" IS WEIGHTED BY ITS SUBJECTIVE IMPORTANCE TO EACH SUBJECT (THE "WEIGHTS")

THE AVERAGE OF THE WEIGHTED RATINGS = DERIVED WORKLOAD SCORE

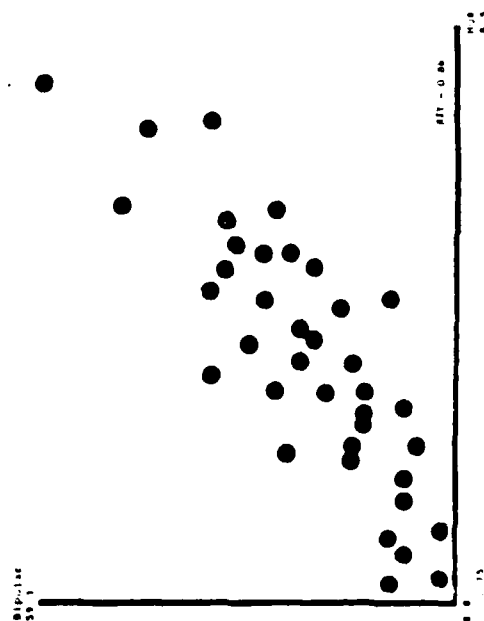
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NASA BIPOLAR vs SWAT



NASA BIPOLAR vs COOPER-HARPER HQRs



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Ilaworth, Bivens, & Shively, 1986

# COMPARISON BETWEEN OVERALL WORKLOAD RATINGS AND WEIGHTED WORKLOAD SCORE

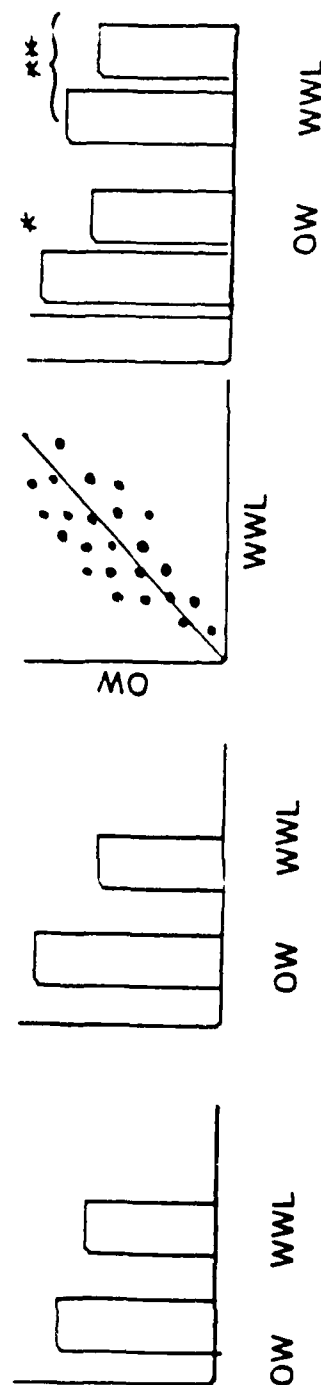
WITHIN-EXPERIMENTAL CONDITIONS      BETWEEN EXPERIMENTAL CONDITIONS

AVERAGE RATINGS

BETWEEN-SUBJECT  
VARIABILITY

STATISTICAL  
ASSOCIATION

MAGNITUDE OF  
EFFECTS



## SUMMARY OF NASA BIPOLAR RATING SCALE EVALUATION

- SOURCES OF WORKLOAD VARY BETWEEN DIFFERENT TYPES OF TASKS
- RATINGS OF COMPONENT FACTORS ARE MORE DIAGNOSTIC THAN GLOBAL WORKLOAD RATINGS
- SUBJECTIVE WORKLOAD DEFINITIONS DO VARY (THEREBY CONTRIBUTING TO BETWEEN-SUBJECT VARIABILITY)
- HOWEVER, THEIR A PRIORI BIASES ABOUT WORKLOAD ARE UNRELATED TO THEIR RATINGS OF WORKLOAD AND WORKLOAD COMPONENTS
- SUBSCALES:
  - SOME WERE HIGHLY CORRELATED (E.G. STRESS, FRUSTRATION)
    - THEY WERE COMBINED
  - OTHERS WERE UNRELATED TO WORKLOAD (E.G. FATIGUE)
    - THEY WERE DELETED
  - OTHERS WERE TOO BROAD (E.G., TASK DIFFICULTY)
    - THEY WERE SUBDIVIDED

**NASA-TASK LOAD INDEX**

**NASA-TLX**

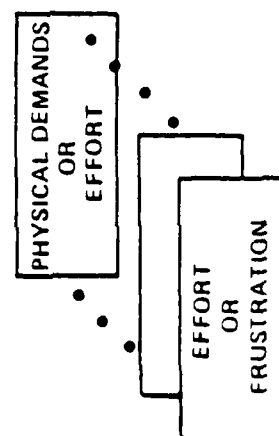
# RATING SCALES: NASA-TASK LOAD INDEX (NASA-TLX)

## WORKLOAD FACTORS

- PHYSICAL DEMANDS (PD)
- MENTAL DEMANDS (MD)
- TEMPORAL DEMANDS (TD)
- OWN PERFORMANCE (OP)
- EFFORT (EF)
- FRUSTRATION (FR)

## FACTOR WEIGHTS

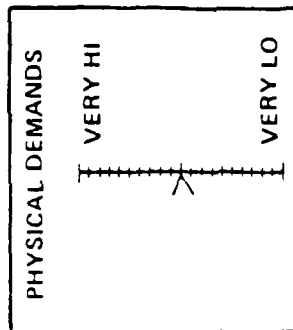
EACH FACTOR COMPARED TO EVERY OTHER:  
WHICH MEMBER OF EACH PAIR CONTRIBUTED MORE TO THE WORKLOAD OF THE TASK?



0 = NEVER SELECTED  
5 = ALWAYS SELECTED

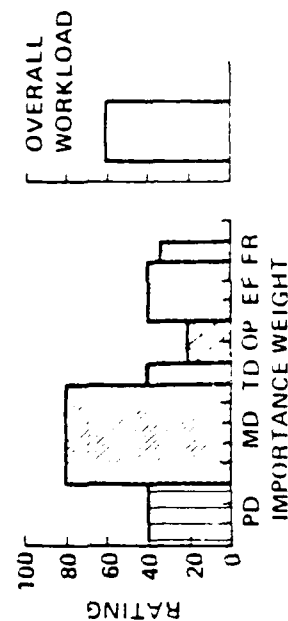
## BIPOLAR RATINGS

THE MAGNITUDE OF EACH FACTOR IS EVALUATED ON A BIPOLAR SCALE



## WEIGHTED RATINGS

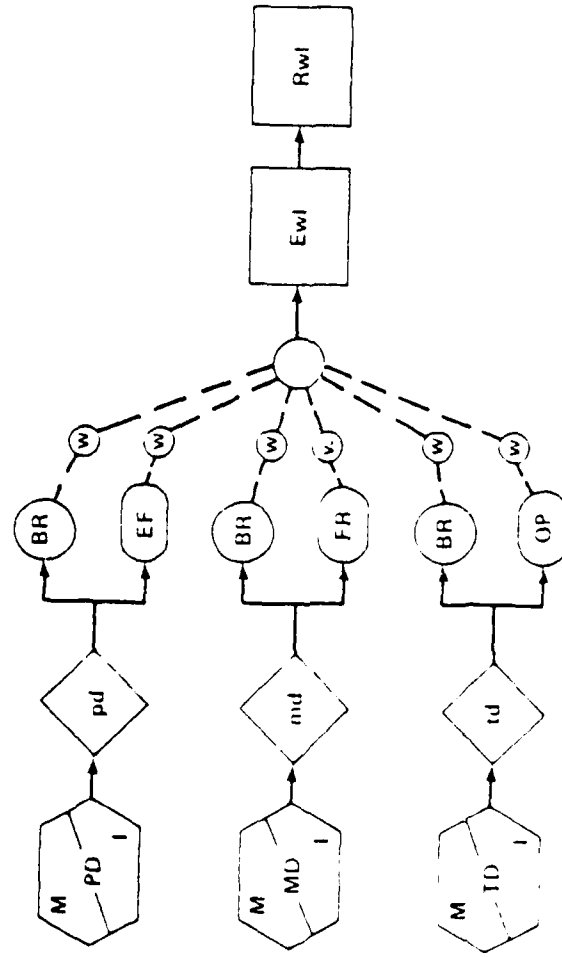
OVERALL WORKLOAD (OW) =  
MEAN OF WEIGHTED RATINGS





# RATING SCALES: NASA-TASK LOAD INDEX (NASA-TLX)

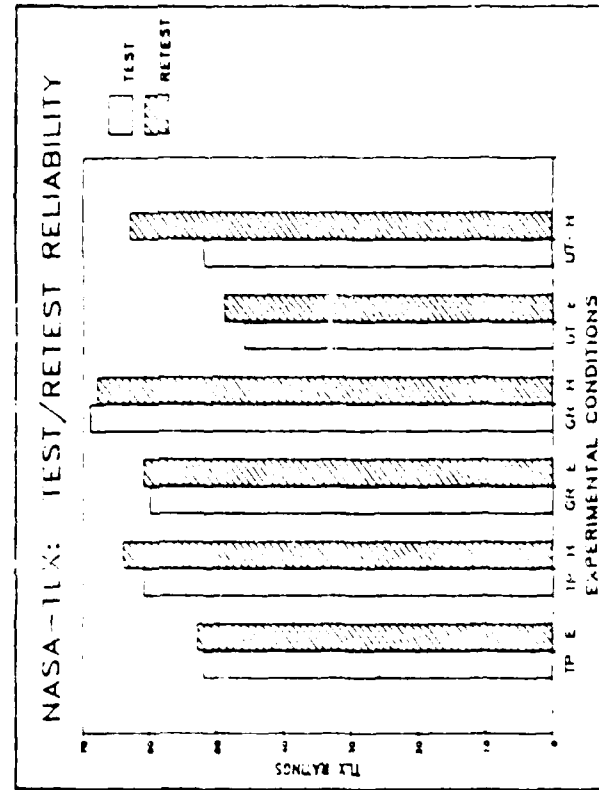
## MODEL OF SUBJECTIVE WORKLOAD ESTIMATION PROCESS



TASK RELATED FACTORS	SUBJECT RELATED FACTORS	OVERT RESPONSE
PD, MD, ID	Objective physical, mental and temporal task demands	
M, I	Objective magnitudes and importance of sources of demands	
pd, md, id	Psychological representations of task demands	
BR	Behavioral responses to task demands	
OP, EF, FH	Subjective responses/evaluations of behavioral responses	
w	Subjective weighting of factors	
Ewl	Integrated subjective experience of workload	
Rwl	Formal numeric or verbal evaluation of workload	

# SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: NASA-TASK LOAD INDEX (NASA-TLX) TEST/RETEST RELIABILITY

SUBJECTS PROVIDED TLX RATINGS FOLLOWING ASYMPTOTIC PERFORMANCE OF TWO LEVELS (E,H) OF THREE TASKS (TIMEPOOLS TARGET ACQUISITION, GRAMMATICAL REASONING, AND UNSTABLE TRACKING) TWICE, SEPARATED BY AN INTERVAL OF 4 WEEKS. NO SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES WERE FOUND.



NOTE: CORRELATION IS .83

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## SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: NASA-TASK LOAD INDEX (NASA-TLX) COMPARISON OF ALTERNATIVE FORMS

SUBJECTS PROVIDED TLX RATINGS FOLLOWING ASYMPTOTIC PERFORMANCE OF TWO LEVELS (E,H) OF THREE TASKS (TIMEPOOLS, TARGET ACQUISITION, GRAMMATICAL REASONING, AND UNSTABLE TRACKING) USING TWO FORMS OF THE SCALE: PAPER AND PENCIL AND COMPUTERIZED. NO SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES WERE FOUND, ALTHOUGH THE COMPUTER RATINGS WERE 5-7 POINTS HIGHER, ON THE AVERAGE.

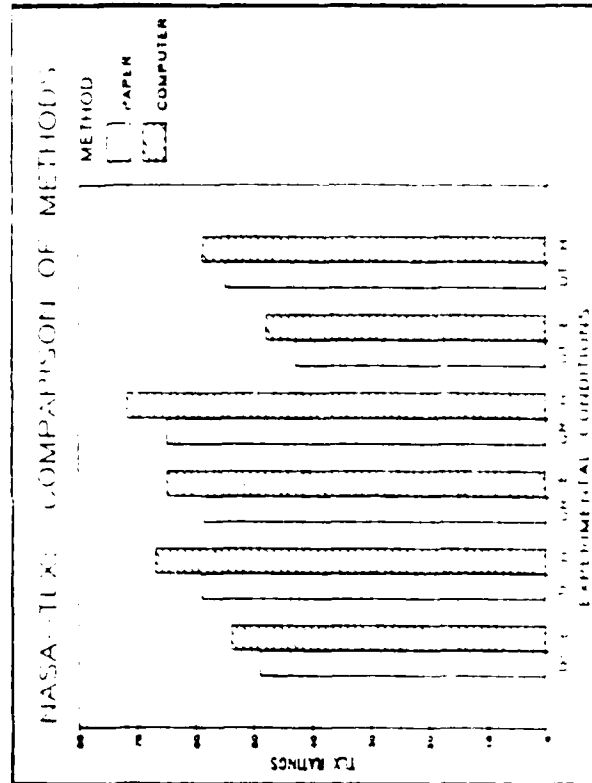
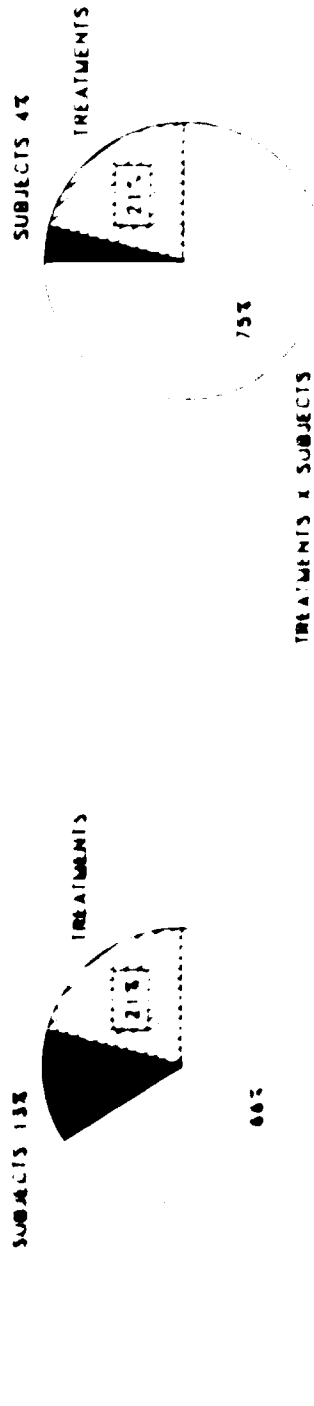


Figure 1. Comparison of Methods

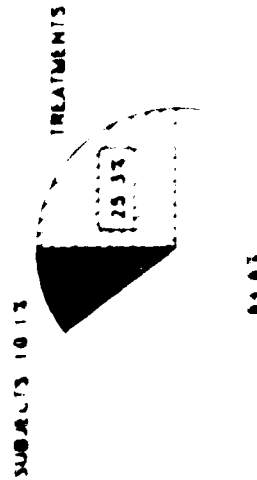
Figure 1

# NASA TLX: COMPARISON BETWEEN METHODS OF PRESENTATION (VARIABILITY DISTRIBUTIONS)



TREATMENTS & SUBJECTS

PAPER AND PENCIL VERSION



TREATMENTS & SUBJECTS

# **SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: NASA-TASK LOAD INDEX (NASA-TLX) EMPIRICAL CORRELATIONS AMONG SUBSCALE RATINGS**

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Correlations among bipolar ratings

	MD	PD	TD	OP	EF	FR
MD	7					
PD	55	50				
TD	96	27	32			
OP	76	58	66	40		
EF	34	44	52	57	69	
FR	54	70	67	46	81	70

# **SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: NASA-TASK LOAD INDEX (NASA-TLX) SUBSCALE RATINGS AS PREDICTORS OF OVERALL WORKLOAD**

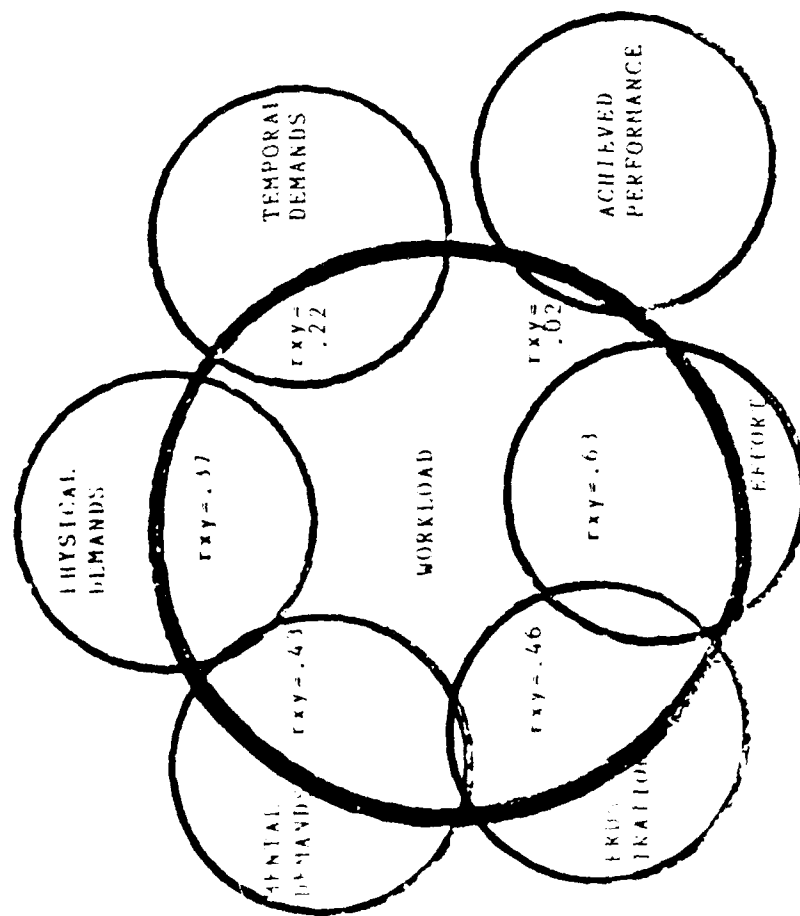
RATINGS WERE OBTAINED FOR MANY LEVELS OF 20 LABORATORY TASKS. DEPENDING ON THE NATURE OF A TASK, DIFFERENT PATTERNS OF BETA WEIGHTS PROVIDED THE BEST PREDICTION OF OVERALL WORKLOAD. THIS SUGGESTS THAT WORKLOAD SOURCES AS WELL AS MAGNITUDES VARY FROM ONE ACTIVITY TO THE NEXT.

	r <sup>2</sup>	MD	PD	TD	OP	EF	FR
SINGLE-COGNITIVE	.88	.43*	.15*	.04	.01	.33*	.13*
SINGLE-MANUAL	.78*	.38*	.39*	.11*	.12*	.21*	.00
DUAL-TASKS	.82	.41*	.19*	.02	.09*	.29*	.20*
FITTSBERG	.86	.32*	.24*	.17*	.09*	.16*	.19*
POPCORN	.90	.34*	.23*	.22*	.03	.19*	.10*
OVERALL	.86	.38*	.22*	.08	.05	.24*	.16*

\* p < .01

# SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: NASA-TASK LOAD INDEX (NASA-TLX) CORRELATIONS BETWEEN SUBSCALE RATINGS AND GLOBAL WORKLOAD RATINGS

ONE REASON WHY NASA TLX RATINGS PROVIDE A BETTER ESTIMATE OF WORKLOAD THAN A SINGLE GLOBAL MEASURE IS THAT THEY ARE THE AVERAGE OF SIX EVALUATIONS OF FACTORS THAT ARE EACH CORRELATED WITH WORKLOAD.

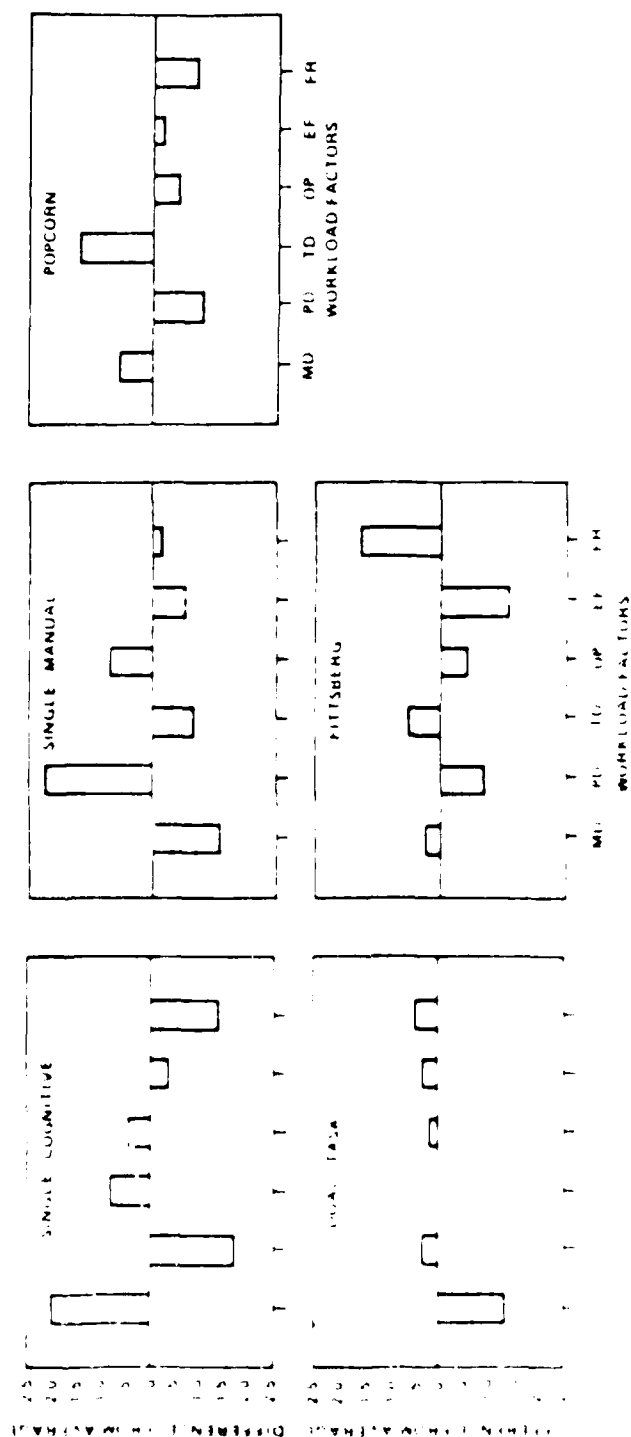


NOTE: CORRELATIONS AMONG SOME OF THE SUBSCALES WERE FOUND, AS WELL.

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# **SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: NASA-TASK LOAD INDEX (NASA-TLX) SUBSCALE RATINGS AS PREDICTORS OF OVERALL WORKLOAD**

IMPORTANCE WEIGHTS WERE OBTAINED FOR EACH OF THE 20 TASKS, DEPENDING ON THE NATURE OF A TASK, DIFFERENT PATTERNS OF IMPORTANCE WEIGHTS WERE OBTAINED. THE DIFFERENT PATTERNS SUGGEST (AS DO THE RATINGS THEMSELVES) THAT WORKLOAD SOURCES VARY FROM ONE ACTIVITY TO THE NEXT.

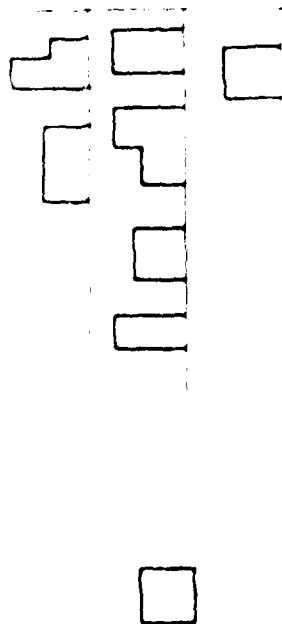
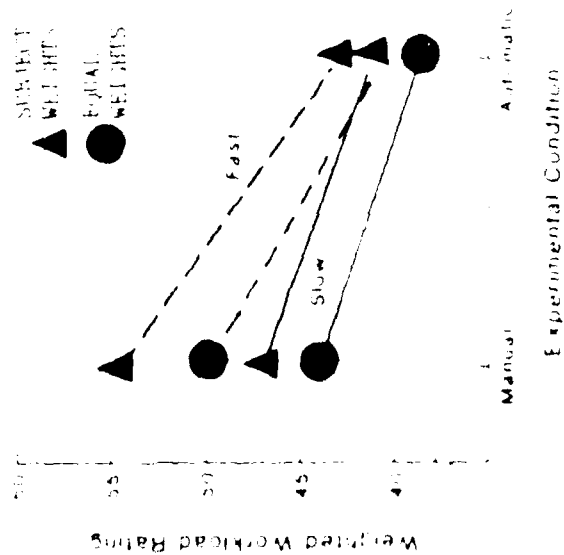




## SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: NASA-TASK LOAD INDEX (TLX)

EQUALLY WEIGHTED SUBSCALE RATINGS WERE COMPARED TO RATINGS COMBINED ACCORDING TO THE SUBJECTIVE IMPORTANCE OF INDIVIDUAL FACTORS TO EACH SUBJECT FOR MANUAL AND AUTOMATIC VERSIONS OF A SCHEDULING TASK.

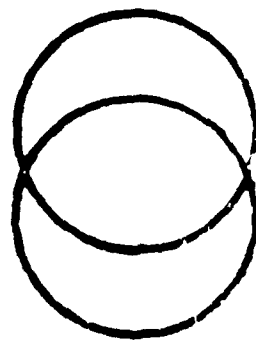
- TLX RATINGS WERE SENSITIVE TO OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITY, BUT NOT TO RATE OF PRESENTATION OR AGREEMENT WITH POPCORN TASK RESULTS)
- SUBJECT WEIGHTS PROVIDED A MORE SENSITIVE MEASURE THAN EQUAL WEIGHTS
- COMBINED WEIGHTS ARE MAGNITUDE RATINGS PROVIDED INDEPENDENT INFORMATION ABOUT THE STRUCTURE OF THE TASK



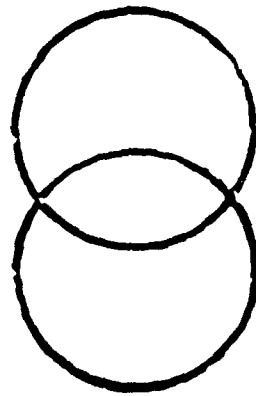
# SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: NASA-TASK LOAD INDEX (NASA-TLX) CORRELATIONS BETWEEN SUBSCALE RATINGS AND TASK RELATED WEIGHTS

IN SOME CASES THE IMPORTANCE ASSIGNED TO A FACTOR (ITS WEIGHT) MAY  
COVARY WITH THE MAGNITUDES OF THE RATINGS GIVEN TO THAT SUBSCALE.

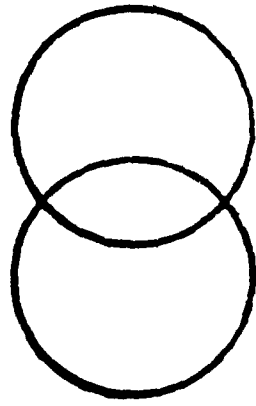
TASK DEMAND RELATED FACTORS  
MENTAL DEMANDS  
( $r_{xy} = .67$ )



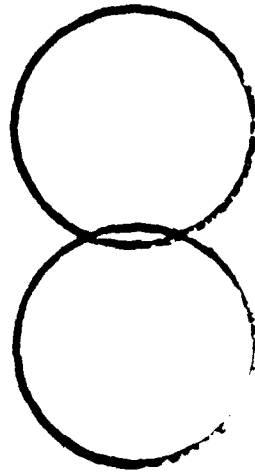
PHYSICAL DEMANDS  
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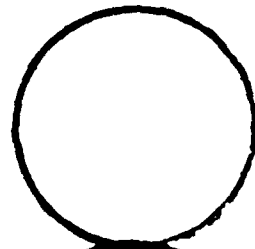
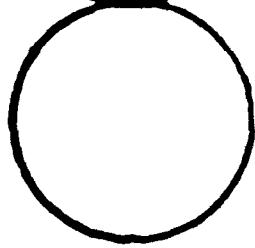
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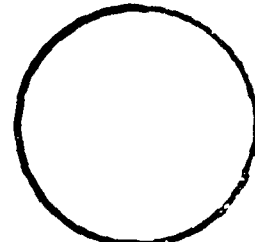
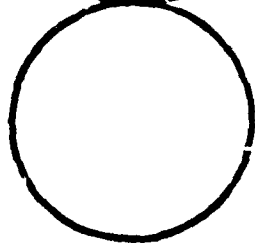
SUBJECT X TASK INTERACTION FACTORS  
ACHIEVED PERFORMANCE  
( $r_{xy} = .08$ )



EFFORT EXERTED  
( $r_{xy} = .01$ )



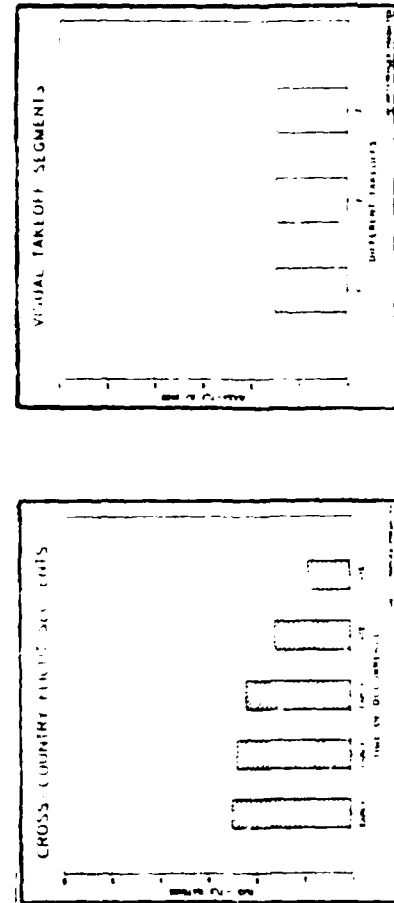
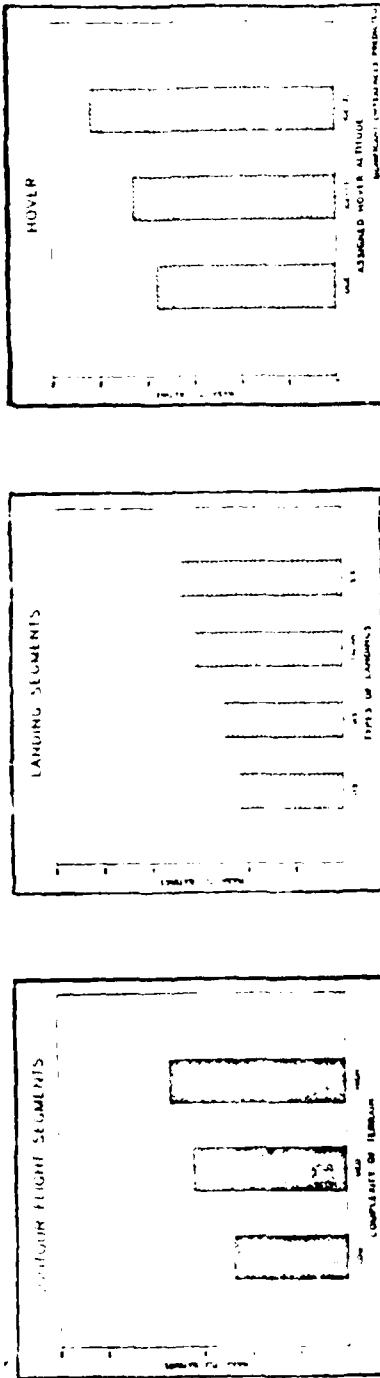
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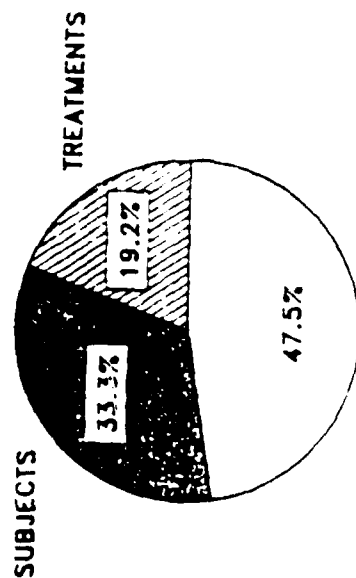
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# **SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: NASA-TASK LOAD INDEX (NASA-TLX) EVIDENCE OF SENSITIVITY**

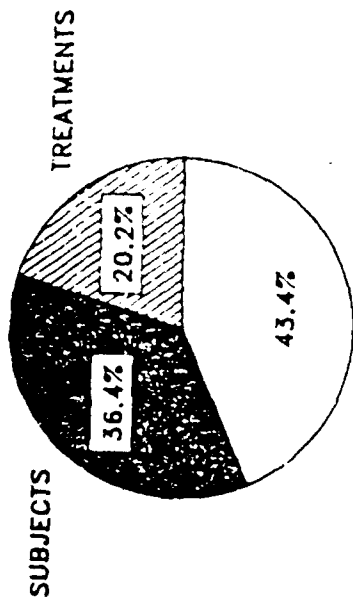
RATING SCALES MUST DEMONSTRATE SENSITIVITY WHERE WORKLOAD DIFFERENCES DO EXIST AND NO SENSITIVITY WHERE THEY DO NOT.  
EXAMPLE: SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES AMONG NASA TLX RATINGS WERE FOUND AMONG SOME FLIGHT SEGMENTS (AND NOT OTHERS), AS PREDICTED, IN AN SH 3G HELICOPTER.



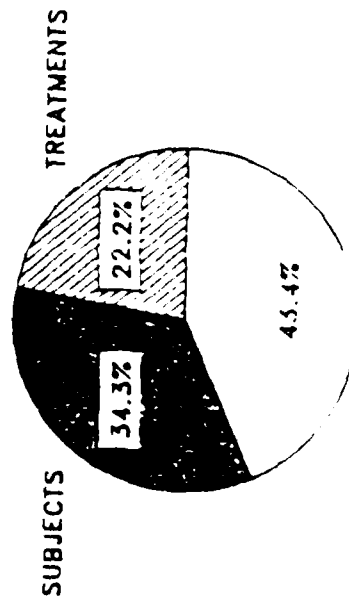
# COMPARISONS AMONG ESTIMATES OF WORKLOAD



*GLOBAL WORKLOAD RATING*



*EQUALLY WEIGHTED SUBSCALES*



*NASA-TLX*

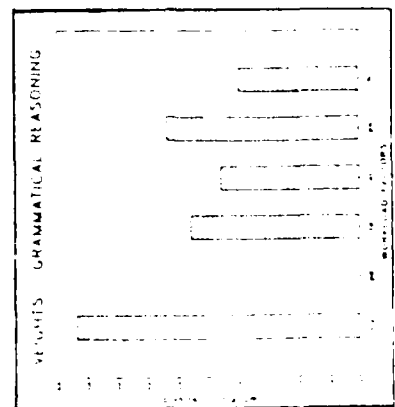
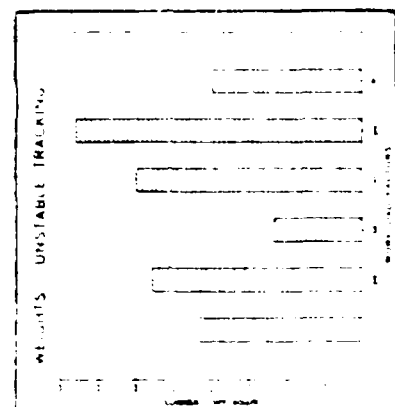
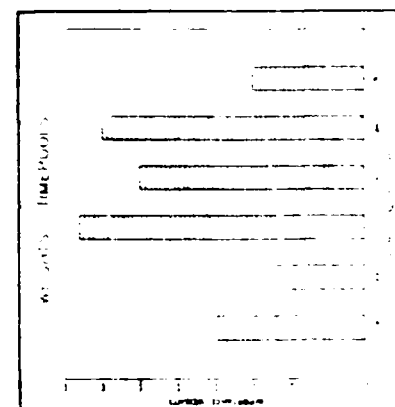
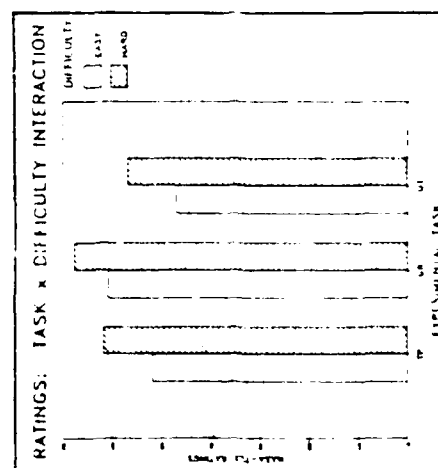
# SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: NASA-TASK LOAD INDEX (NASA-TLX) DIAGNOSTICITY

GENERALLY, IT IS NOT SUFFICIENT FOR RATING SCALES TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE MAGNITUDES OF TASK DEMANDS. THEY MUST REFLECT THEIR SOURCE(S) AS WELL.

SUBJECTS PROVIDED TLX RATINGS AND IMPORTANCE WEIGHTS FOLLOWING EACH OF THREE TYPES OF TASKS

TIME POOLS TARGET ACQUISITION  
GRAMMATICAL REASONING  
UNSTABLE TRACKING

WEIGHTS AND RANKINGS WERE PROVIDED FOR EACH SOURCE OF CONTRIBUTION OF DIFFERENT TASKS TO THE WORKLOAD OF EACH TASK, PROVIDING ADDITIONAL DIAGNOSTIC INFORMATION



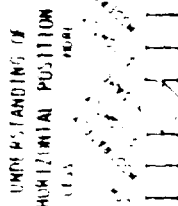
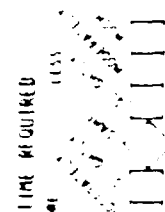
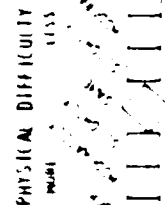
## CONCLUSIONS

- WORKLOAD IS A MULTI-DIMENSIONAL CONSTRUCT
- SUBJECTIVE RATINGS DO NOT REPRESENT THE INHERENT PROPERTIES OF A TASK BUT EMERGE FROM THE INTERACTION BETWEEN AN OPERATOR, A TASK, AND THE ENVIRONMENT
- TASK-RELATED DIFFERENCES IN SOURCES OF WORKLOAD ARE BETTER PREDICTORS OF WORKLOAD EXPERIENCES THAN A PRIORI SUBJECTIVE BIASES
- A MULTI-DIMENSIONAL EVALUATION PROCEDURE THAT REFLECTS:
  - THE IMPORTANCE OF DIFFERENT FACTORS TO THE WORKLOAD OF A SPECIFIC TASK (THE WEIGHTS) AND THEIR MAGNITUDES (THE RATINGS) PROVIDE:
    - A SENSITIVE MEASURE OF OVERALL WORKLOAD
    - A REDUCTION IN BETWEEN-SUBJECT VARIABILITY
  - DIAGNOSTIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE WORKLOAD-STRUCTURE OF A TASK

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# SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: PILOT SUBJECTIVE EVALUATION SCALE

WORLD OPERATIONS  
DEPARTURE



Navigation

Task Operations  
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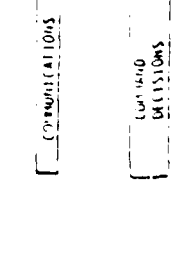
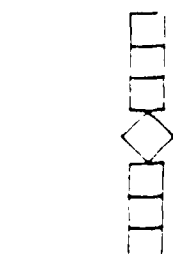
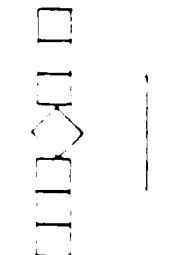
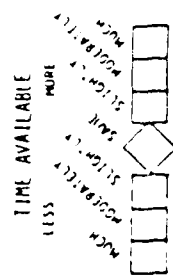
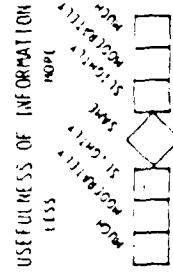
Task Operations  
and Monitoring

Personal Flight  
Path Control

Communications

Control  
Decisions

Collision  
Avoidance





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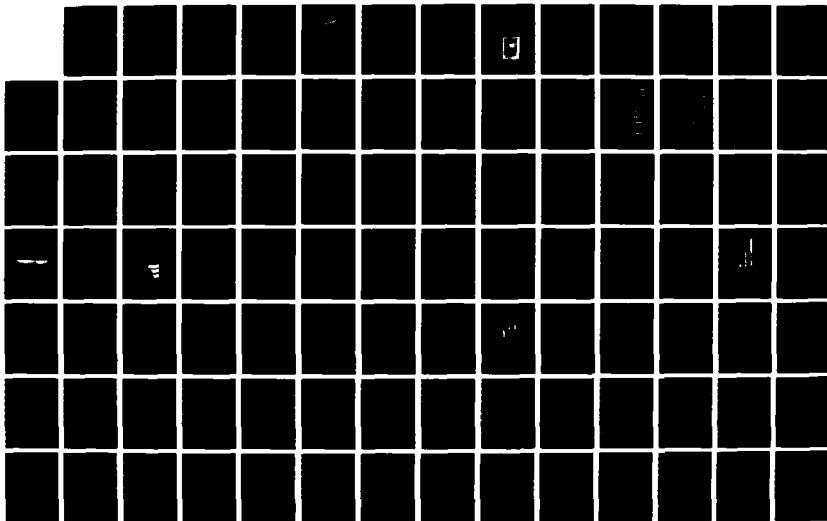
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## **SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION**

- REASONABLE RELIABILITY
- DEMONSTRATED VALIDITY
  - CONSTRUCT
    - \* TESTED AGAINST KNOWN WORKLOAD LEVELS
    - \* PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO THE "COST" OF TASK PERFORMANCE TO THE PILOT
  - CONVERGING
    - \* PROVIDES THE SAME (OR BETTER) INFORMATION THAN OTHER VALID MEASURES
  - ACCUMULATED
    - \* EVIDENCE OBTAINED FROM SEVERAL SOURCES
- SENSITIVE TO AND DIAGNOSTIC ABOUT:
  - PSYCHOLOGICAL VARIABLES
    - \* MENTAL DEMANDS, PHYSICAL DEMANDS, STRESS
  - TASK-RELATED VARIABLES
    - \* FAR-25, PART-D
- USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH:
  - REFERENCE TASKS
  - REFERENCE VEHICLE
- APPROPRIATE FOR USE IN FLIGHT

# SUMMARY OF WORKLOAD ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUE CAPABILITIES

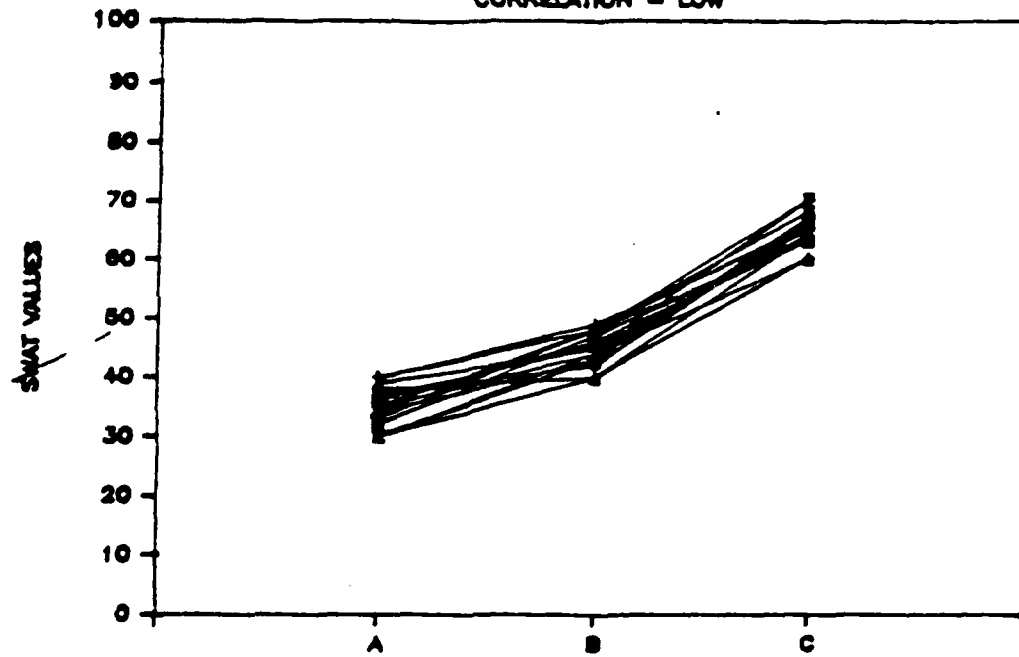
	SENSITIVITY	DIAGNOSTICITY	INTRUSIVENESS	IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS	OPERATOR ACCEPTANCE
PRIMARY TASK MEASURES	DISCRIMINATE OVERLOAD FROM NONOVERLOAD SITUATIONS USED TO DETERMINE IF OPERATOR PERFORMANCE WILL BE ACCEPTABLE WITH A PARTICULAR DESIGN OPTION	NOT CONSIDERED DIAGNOSTIC REPRESENTS A GLOBAL MEASURE OF WORKLOAD THAT IS SENSITIVE TO OVERLOADS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE OPERATOR'S PROCESSING SYSTEM	MINIMALLY INTRUSIVE SINCE NO ADDITIONAL OPERATOR PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT REQUIRED	IMPLEMENTATION FOR DATA COLLECTION CAN RESTRICT USE TO OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENTS USE REQUIRES MODULARITY, SIMULATIONS OR OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENT IMPOSES LIMITS ON USE DURING EARLY SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT	NO SYSTEMATIC DATA REQUIRED TO EXPECT NEGATIVE OPERATOR OPINION
SECONDARY TASK METHODS	CAPABLE OF DISCRIMINATING LEVELS OF CAPACITY EXPENDITURE IN NONOVERLOAD SITUATIONS USED TO ASSESS RESERVE CAPABILITY OF OPERATOR IN A PARTICULAR DESIGN OPTION	CAPABLE OF DISCRIMINATING SOME DIFFERENCES IN RESOURCE EXPENDITURE (E.G. CENTRAL PROCESSING VERSUS MOTORY) DIAGNOSTIC OF SOME OVERLOADS BUT NOT OF ALL WITH MORE VARIABILITY THAN TOOL MEASURES, SENSITIVE TO LATENT CHANGES IN PERFORMING OVERLOADS AND SECONDARY TASKS BEING USED TO DETERMINE TO PREDICT THE LOCUS OF OVERLOAD	PRIMARY TASK PERFORMANCE HAS BEEN APPLIED A PROBLEM IN THE LABORATORY DATA ARE NOT ENTERING OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENTS SEVERAL IT INCLUDES (E.G. EQUIPMENT) SECONDARY TASK, SUBJECTIVE PRIOR EXPERIENCE HAVE BEEN SOME POTENTIAL FOR INTERFERENCE COULD LIMIT USE IN OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENTS	IMPLEMENTATION FOR DATA COLLECTION CAN RESTRICT USE TO OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENTS BUT SOME TASKS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED FOR IN FLIGHT USE USE REQUIRES MODULARITY, SIMULATIONS OR OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENT IMPOSES LIMITS ON USE DURING EARLY SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT	NO SYSTEMATIC DATA REQUIRED TO PERFORM SECONDARY TASK COULD DISTRACT OPERATOR TECHNIQUES SUCH AS EMPLOYED FOR PRIMARY TASK SHOULD MINIMIZE ANY ACCEPTANCE PROBLEMS
PHYSIOLOGICAL TECHNIQUES	CAPABLE OF DISCRIMINATING LEVELS OF CAPACITY EXPENDITURE IN NONOVERLOAD SITUATIONS USED TO ASSESS RESERVE CAPABILITY OF OPERATOR IN A PARTICULAR DESIGN OPTION	SOME TECHNIQUES (E.G. EVENT RELATED BRAIN POTENTIAL) APPEAR DIAGNOSTIC OF SOME OVERLOADS BUT NOT OF ALL WITH MORE VARIABILITY THAN TOOL MEASURES, SENSITIVE TO LATENT CHANGES IN PERFORMING OVERLOADS AND SECONDARY TASKS BEING USED TO DETERMINE TO PREDICT THE LOCUS OF OVERLOAD	PHYSIOLOGICAL TECHNIQUES HAVE BEEN APPLIED A PROBLEM IN THE LABORATORY DATA ARE NOT ENTERING OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENTS SEVERAL IT INCLUDES (E.G. EQUIPMENT) SECONDARY TASK, SUBJECTIVE PRIOR EXPERIENCE HAVE BEEN SOME POTENTIAL FOR INTERFERENCE COULD LIMIT USE IN OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENTS	IMPLEMENTATION FOR DATA COLLECTION CAN RESTRICT USE TO OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENTS BUT SOME TASKS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED FOR IN FLIGHT USE USE REQUIRES MODULARITY, SIMULATIONS OR OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENT IMPOSES LIMITS ON USE DURING EARLY SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT	NO SYSTEMATIC DATA REQUIRED TO PERFORM SECONDARY TASK COULD DISTRACT OPERATOR TECHNIQUES SUCH AS EMPLOYED FOR PRIMARY TASK SHOULD MINIMIZE ANY ACCEPTANCE PROBLEMS
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## **SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: RELIABILITY**

- PARTICULARLY FOR AIRCRAFT CERTIFICATION, RELIABILITY IS AN IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION BECAUSE:
  - THE NUMBER OF EVALUATION PILOTS MAY BE LIMITED
  - REPEATED MEASUREMENTS FOR THE SAME PILOT ARE COSTLY
  - THE CONSEQUENCES OF AMBIGUOUS OR INACCURATE RESULTS ARE UNACCEPTABLE
- METHODS OF EVALUATING RELIABILITY:
  - SPLIT-HALF
  - TEST-RETEST
  - INTER-RATER
  - ALTERNATE FORMS

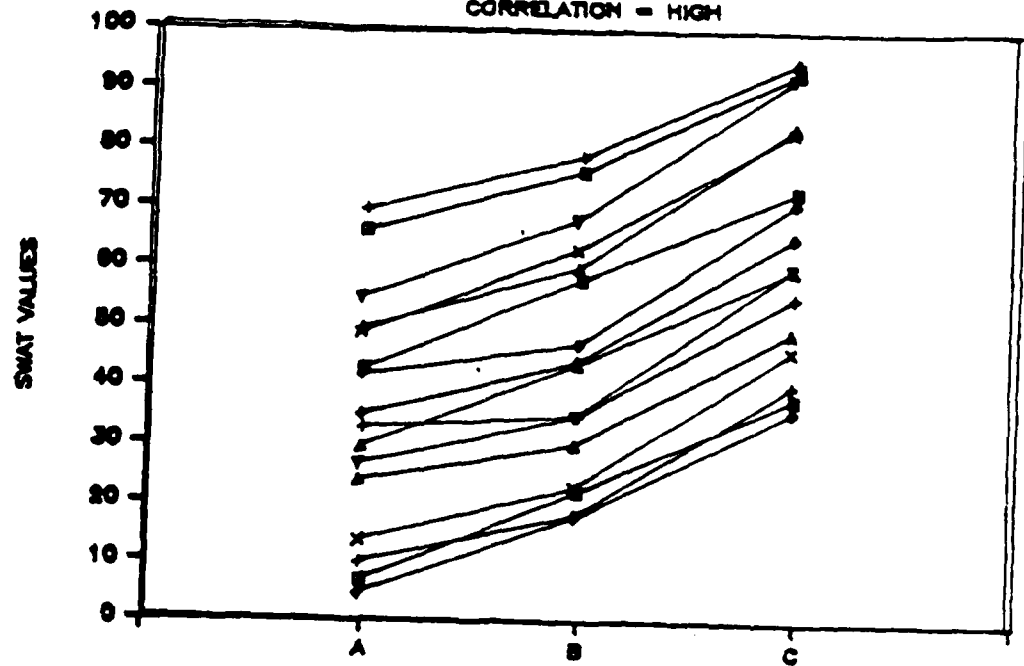
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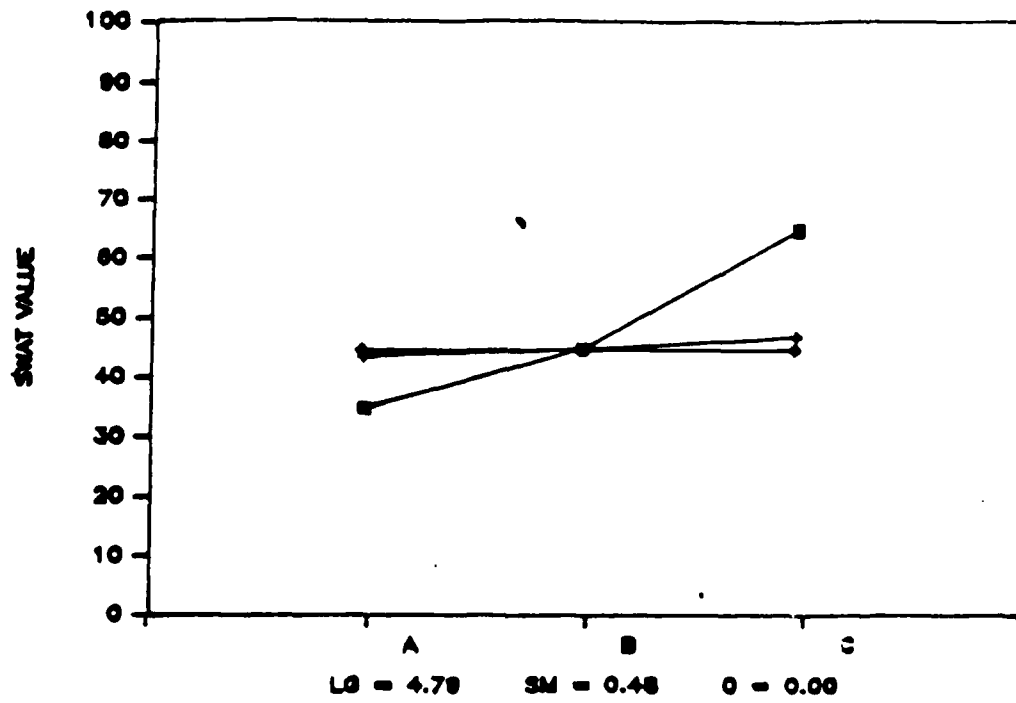


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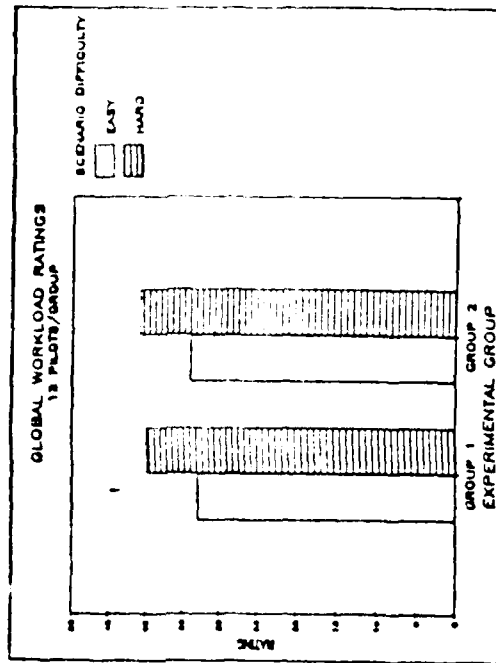
## EFFECT SIZE





## SUBJECTIVE RATING: SPLIT-HALF RELIABILITY

EXAMPLE: RATINGS WERE OBTAINED FROM TWO DIFFERENT GROUPS OF 12 PILOTS AFTER PERFORMING AN 'EASY' AND A 'HARD' FLIGHT IN A MOTION-BASE SIMULATOR USING THE NASA BIPOlar RATING SCALE.

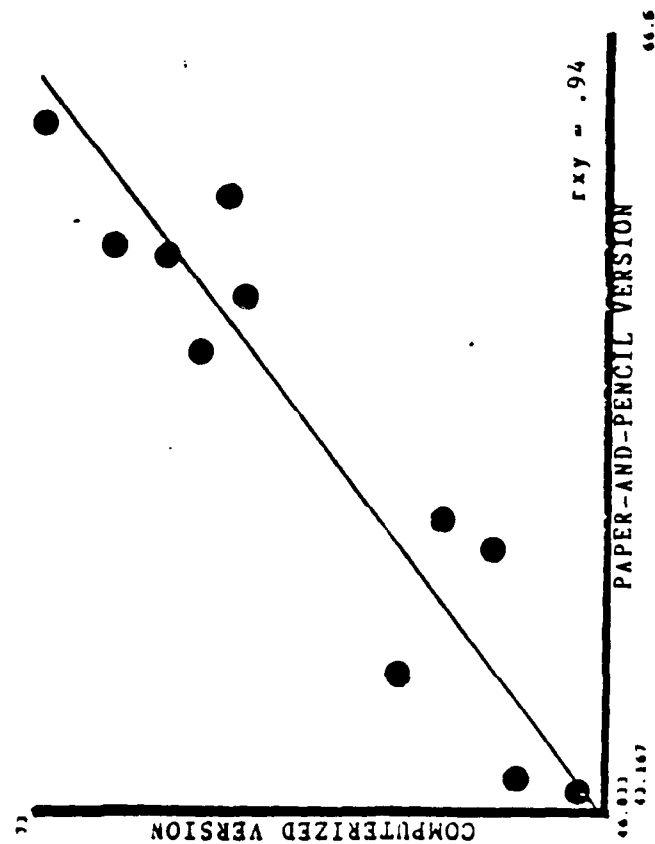


## SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: ALTERNATE FORMS RELIABILITY

EXAMPLE: RATINGS WERE OBTAINED FROM SIX SUBJECTS USING THREE FORMS OF THE NASA-TASK LOAD INDEX: COMPUTERIZED, PAPER-AND-PENCIL, AND VERBAL

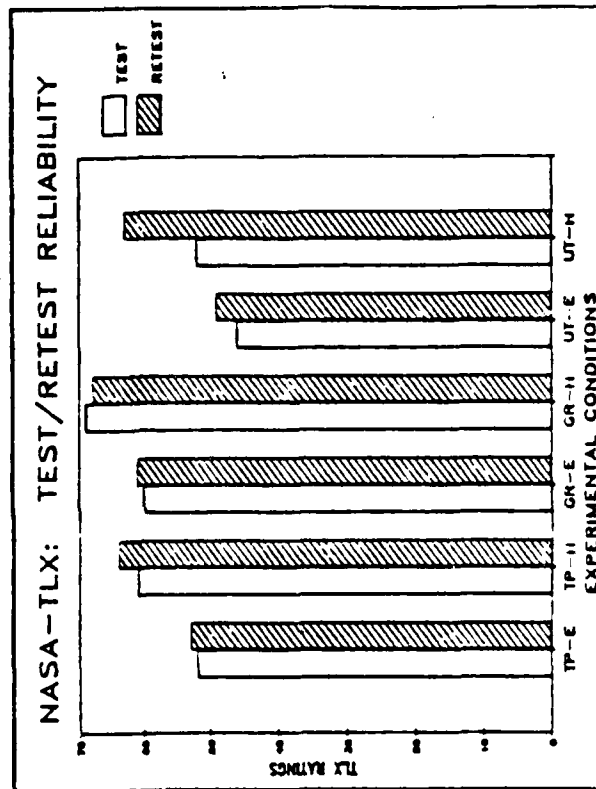
TASKS: TARGET ACQUISITION, GRAMMATICAL REASONING, UNSTABLE TRACKING

RESULTS: RATINGS WITH ALTERNATE FORMS OF NASA-TLX WERE HIGHLY CORRELATED



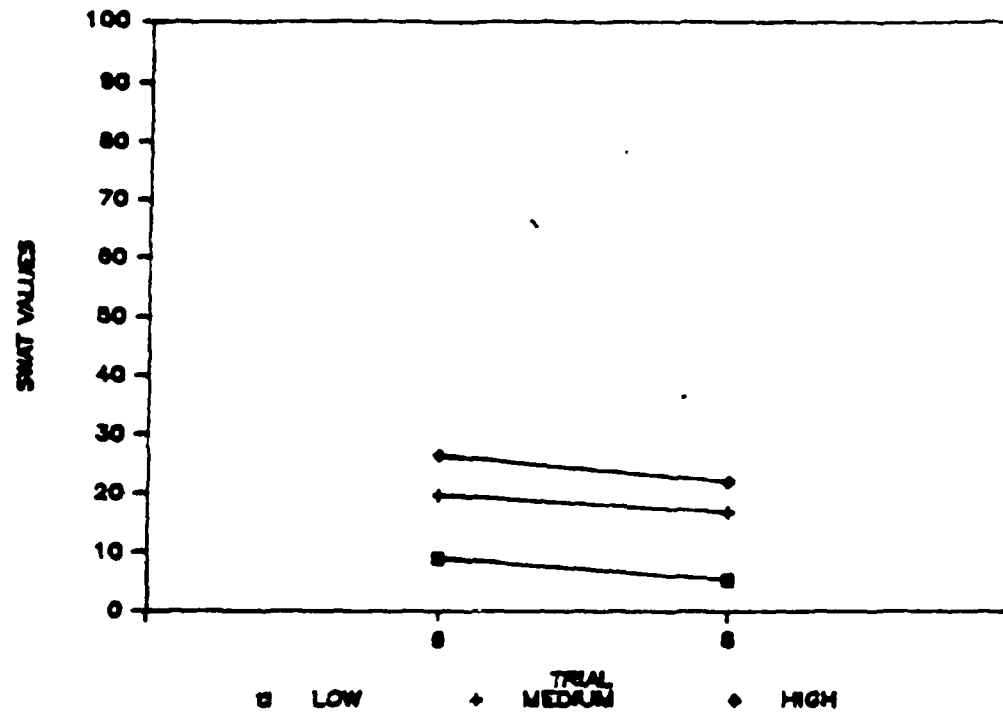
# **SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: NASA-TASK LOAD INDEX (NASA-TLX) TEST/RETEST RELIABILITY**

SUBJECTS PROVIDED TLX RATINGS FOLLOWING ASYMPTOTIC PERFORMANCE OF TWO LEVELS (E,H) OF THREE TASKS (TIMEPOOLS TARGET ACQUISITION, GRAMMATICAL REASONING, AND UNSTABLE TRACKING) TWICE, SEPARATED BY AN INTERVAL OF 4 WEEKS. NO SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES WERE FOUND.

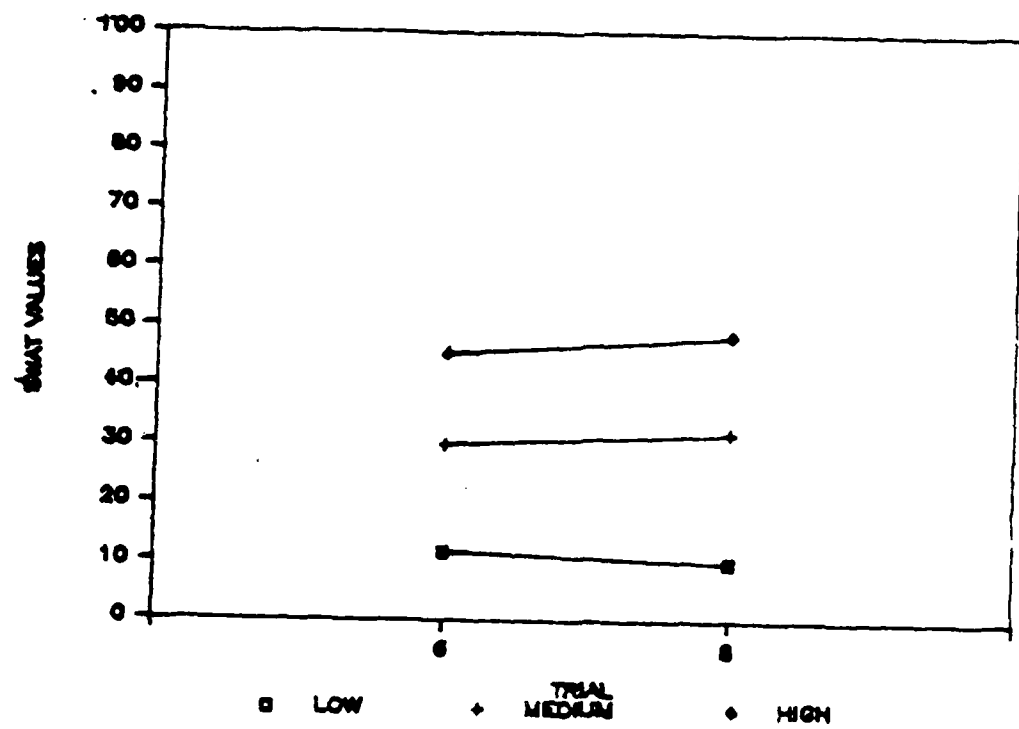


King, 1987

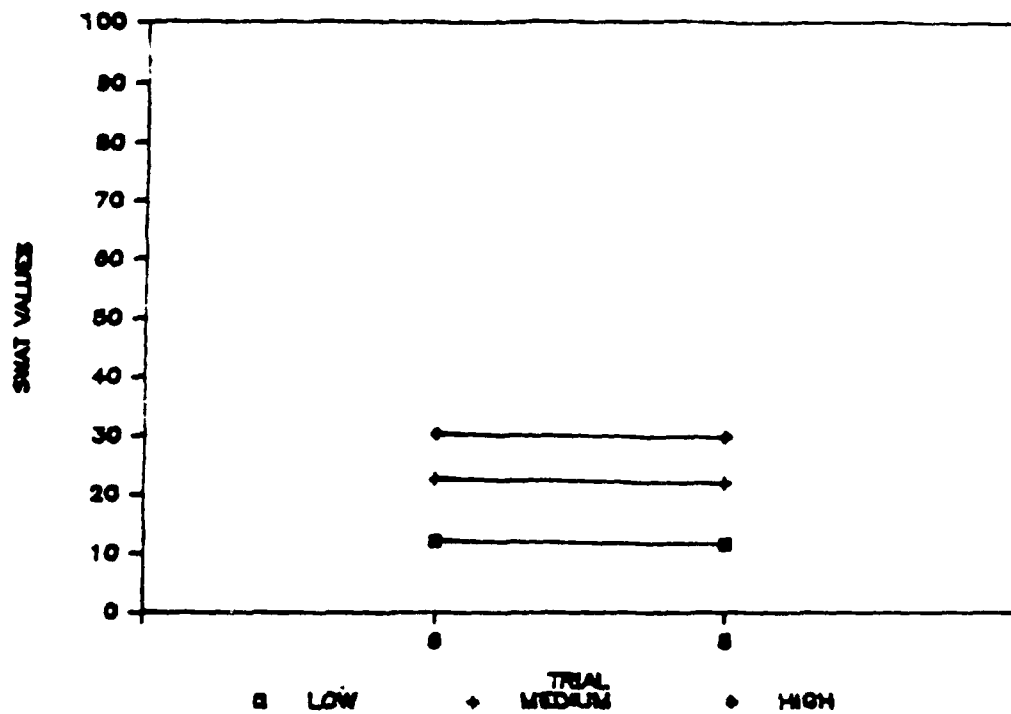
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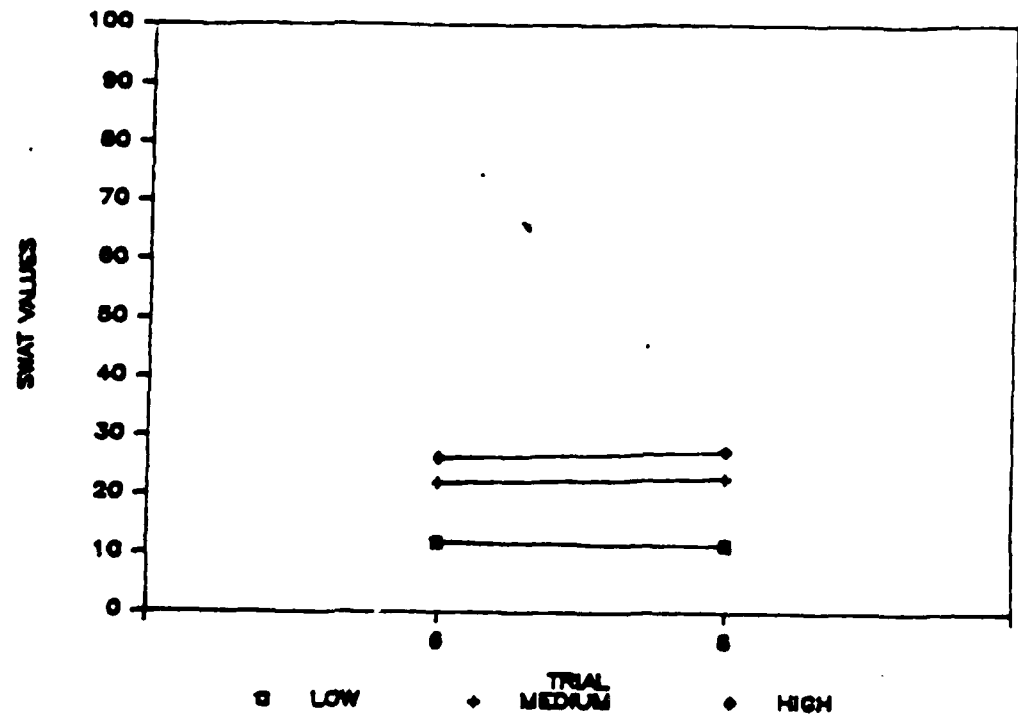
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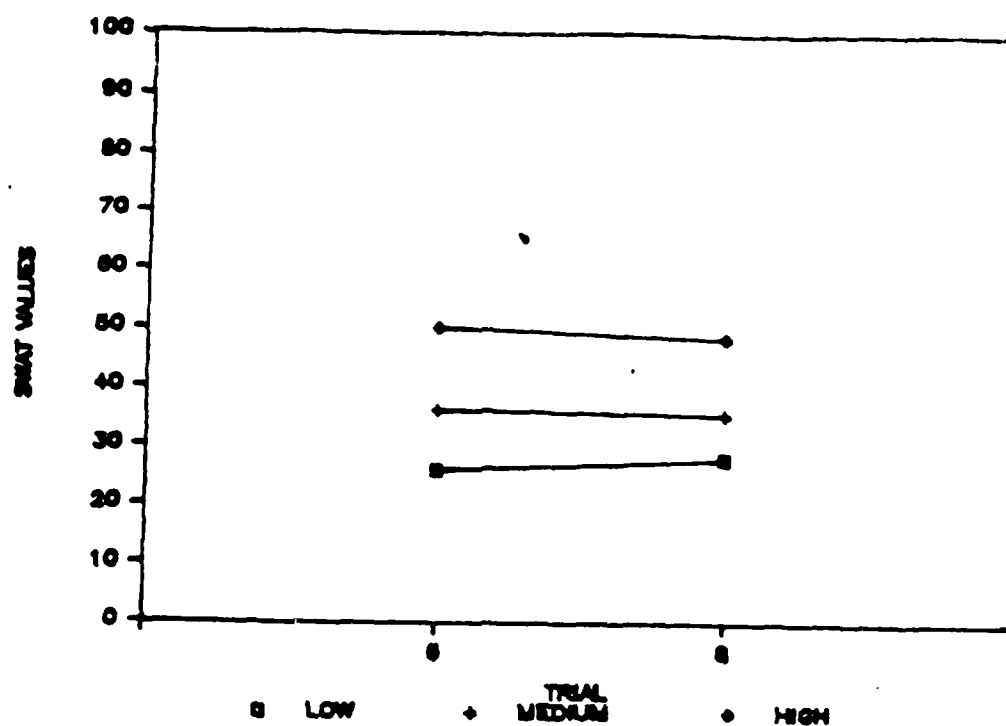
# MATH PROCESSING



# LINGUISTIC PROCESSING

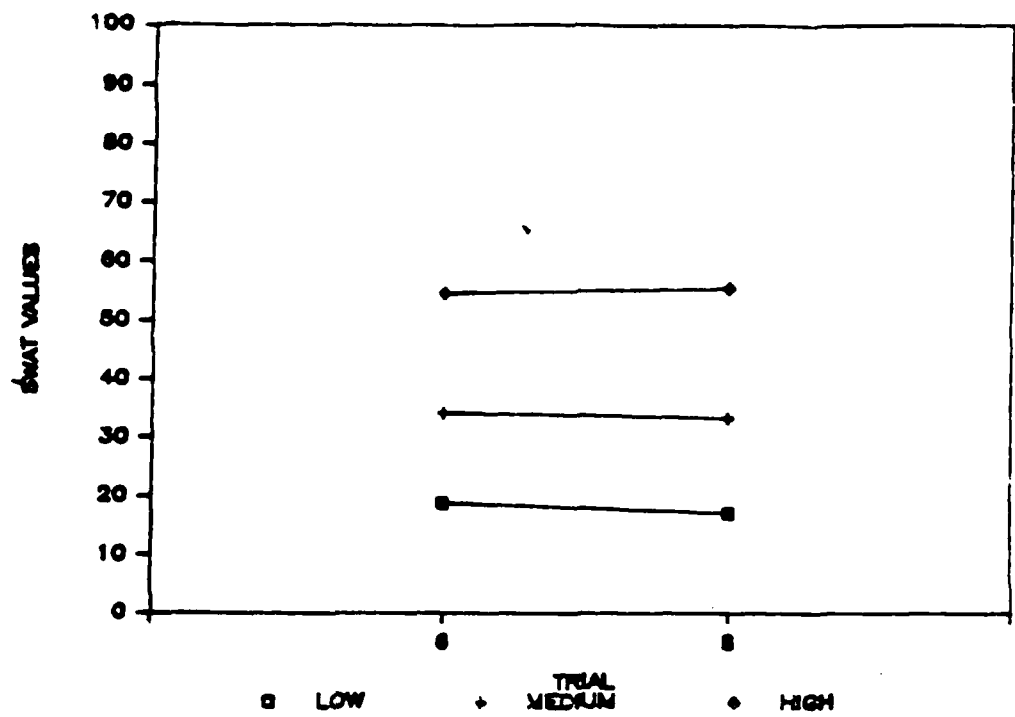


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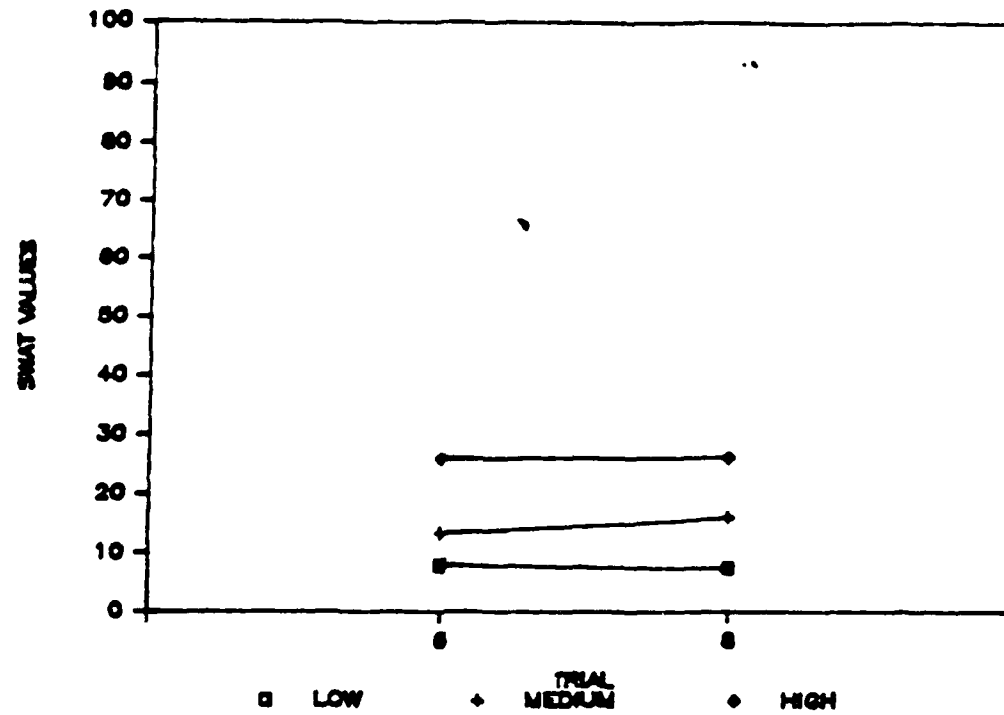




## CONTINUOUS RECALL

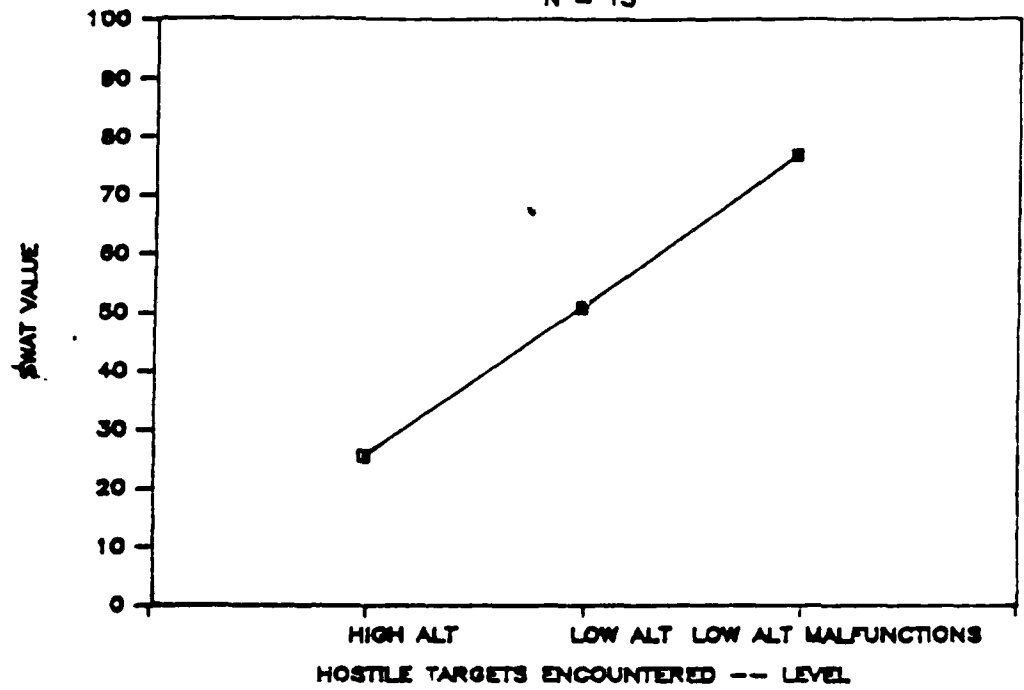


# MEMORY SEARCH



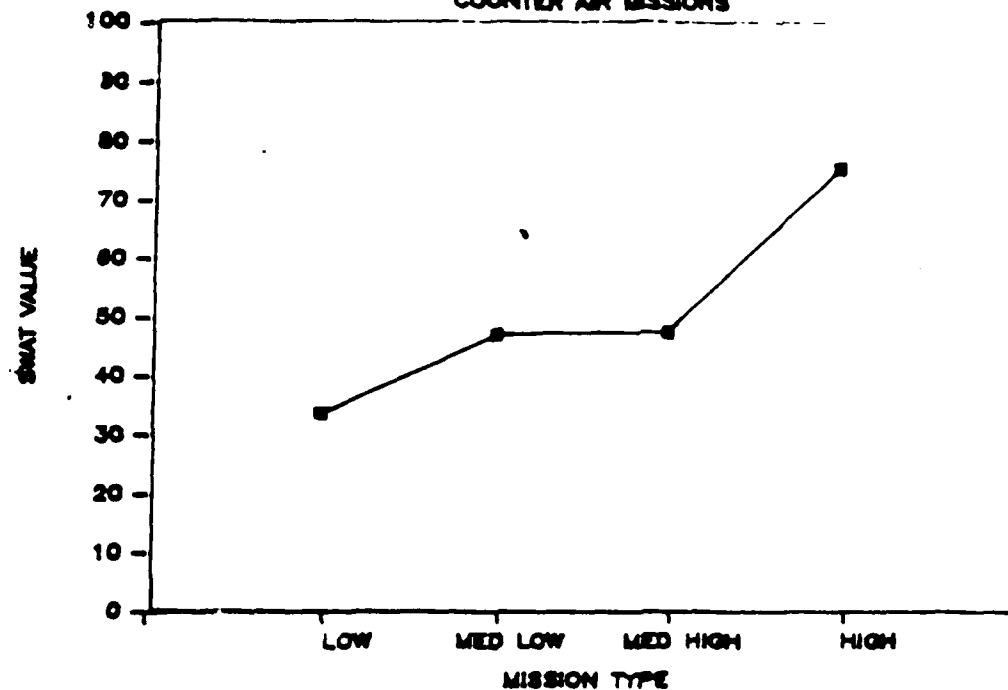
# B-52 TAIL GUNNER

N = 13



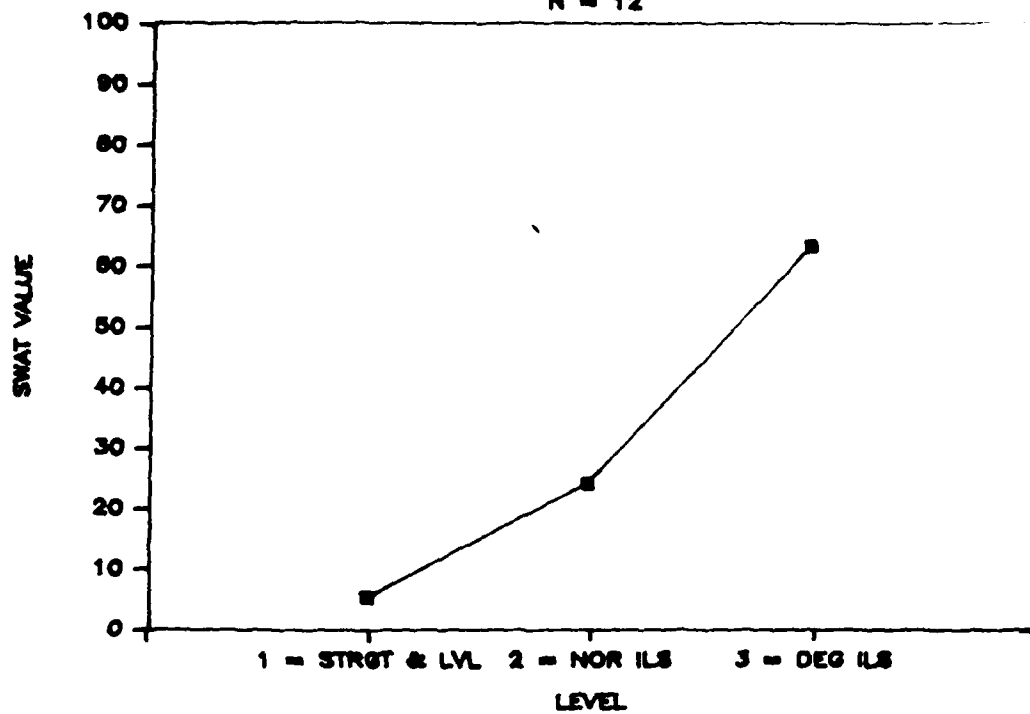
# F-16 DEFENSIVE

COUNTER AIR MISSIONS



# B-52 ILS

N = 12



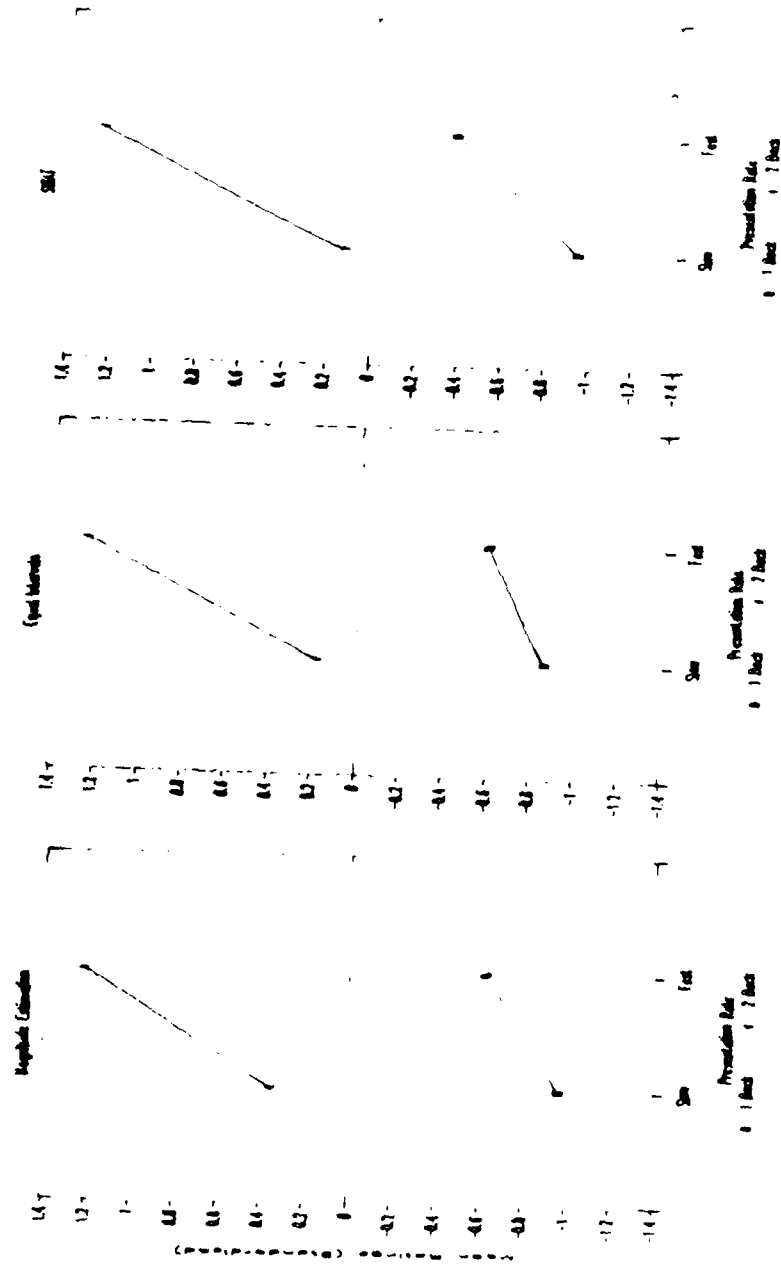


Figure 2: Number back by presentation rate interaction for each technique.

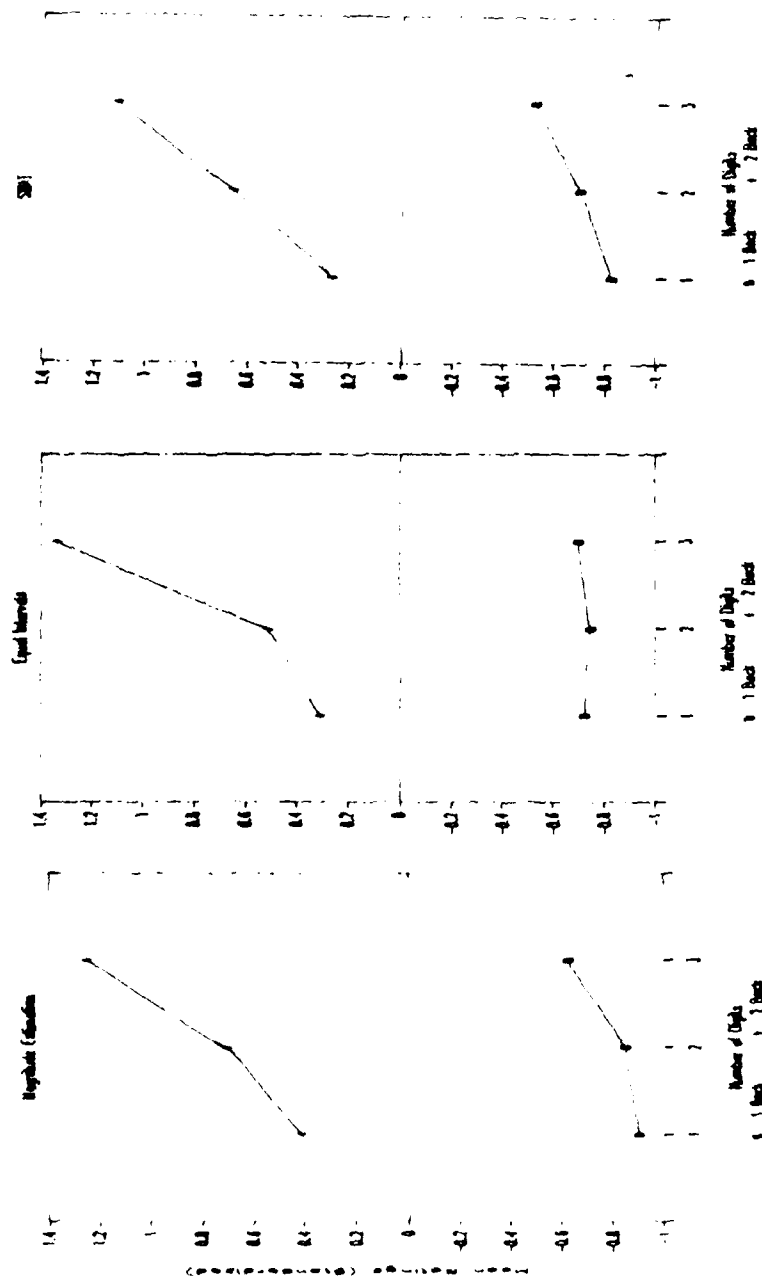


Figure 3: Number back by number of digits interaction for each technique.

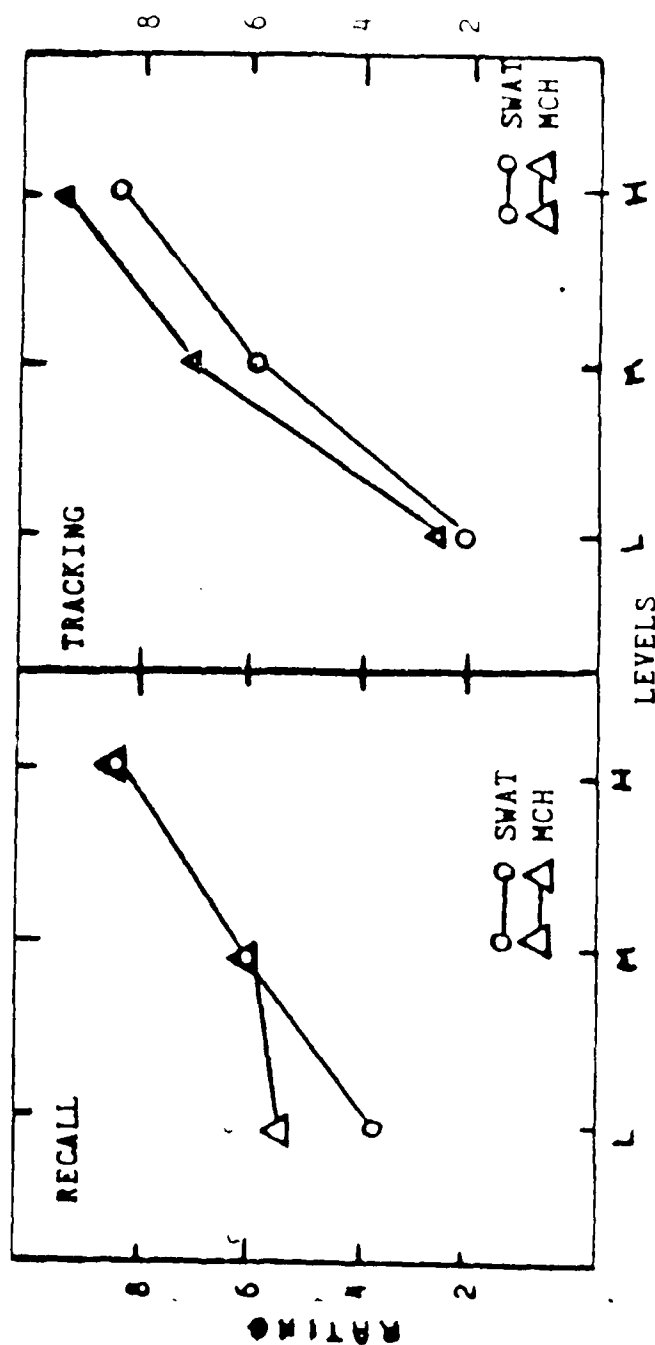
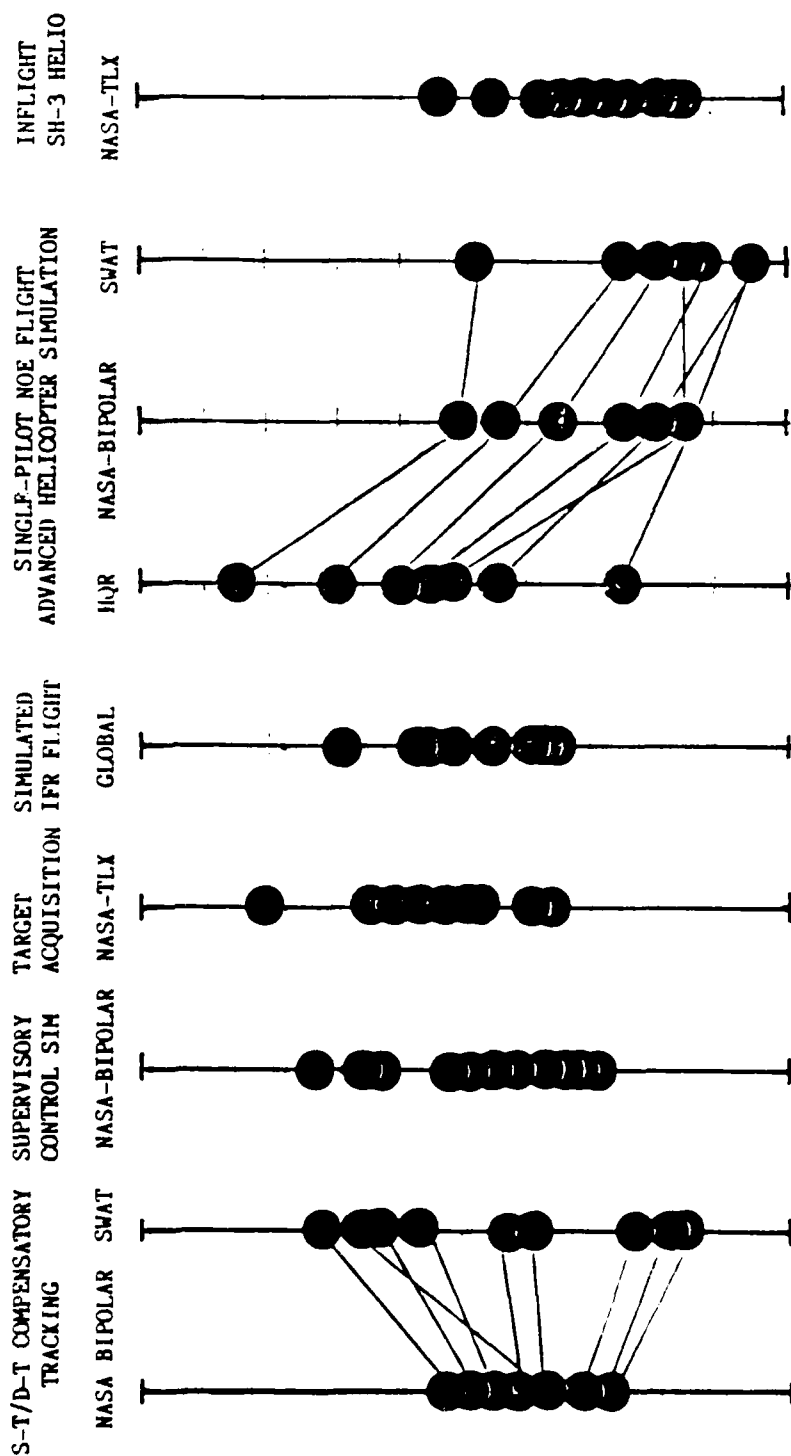


Figure 1. Subjective ratings as a function of task difficulty manipulations on two types of tasks.



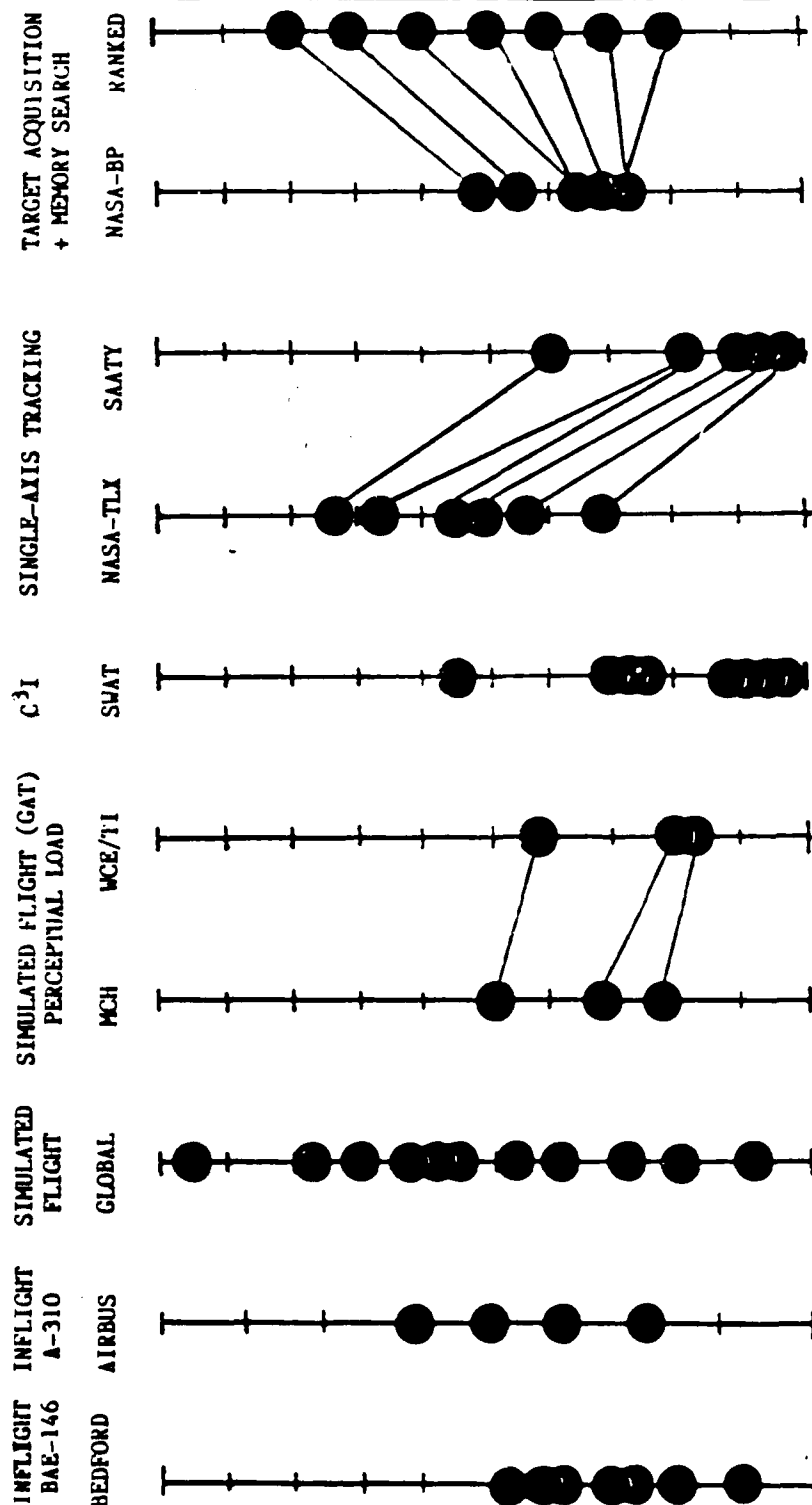
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AVERAGE WORKLOAD RATINGS OBTAINED IN DIFFERENT EXPERIMENTS USING:



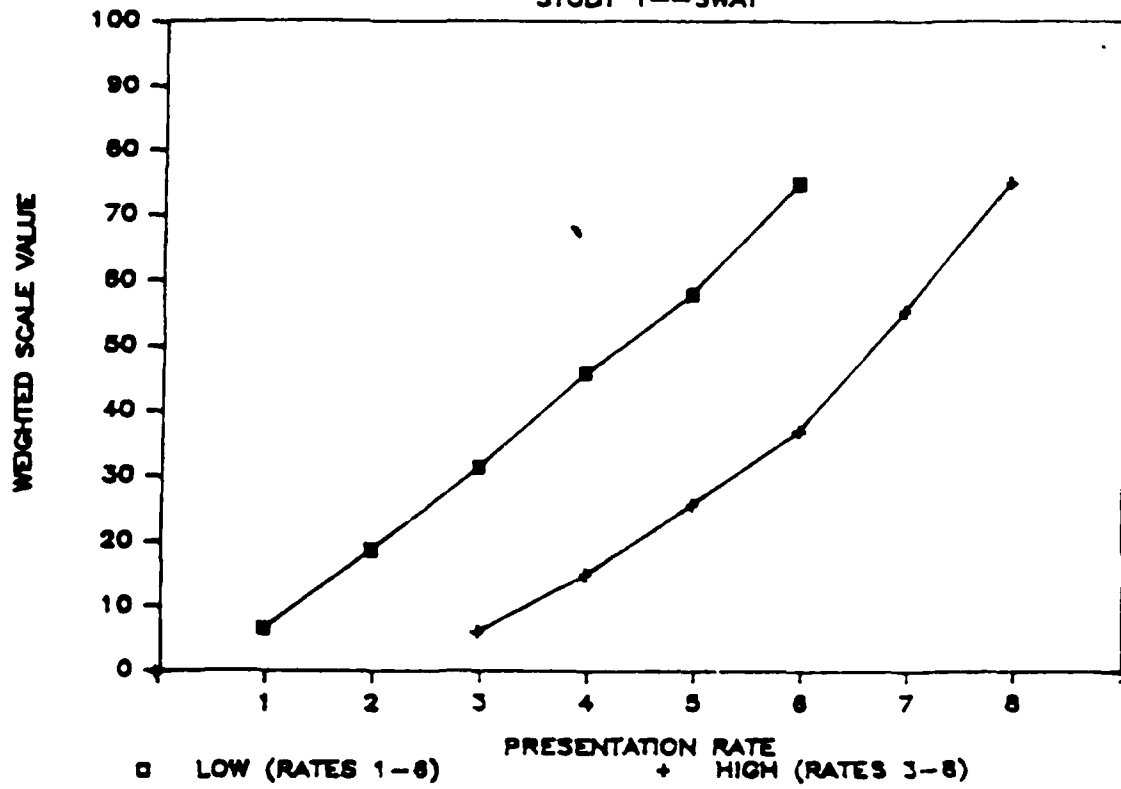
# SUBJECTIVE RATINGS: MEASUREMENT ERROR CONTEXT EFFECTS

AVERAGE WORKLOAD RATINGS OBTAINED IN DIFFERENT EXPERIMENTS (CONT):

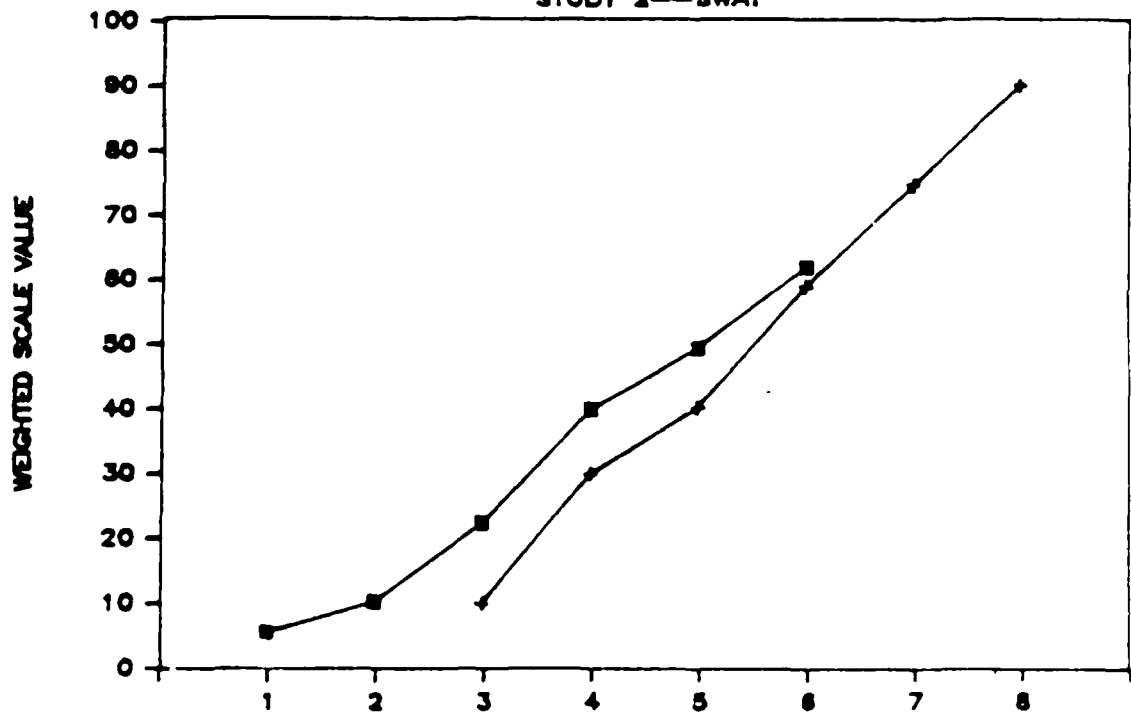


# CONTEXT STUDY

STUDY 1--SWAT

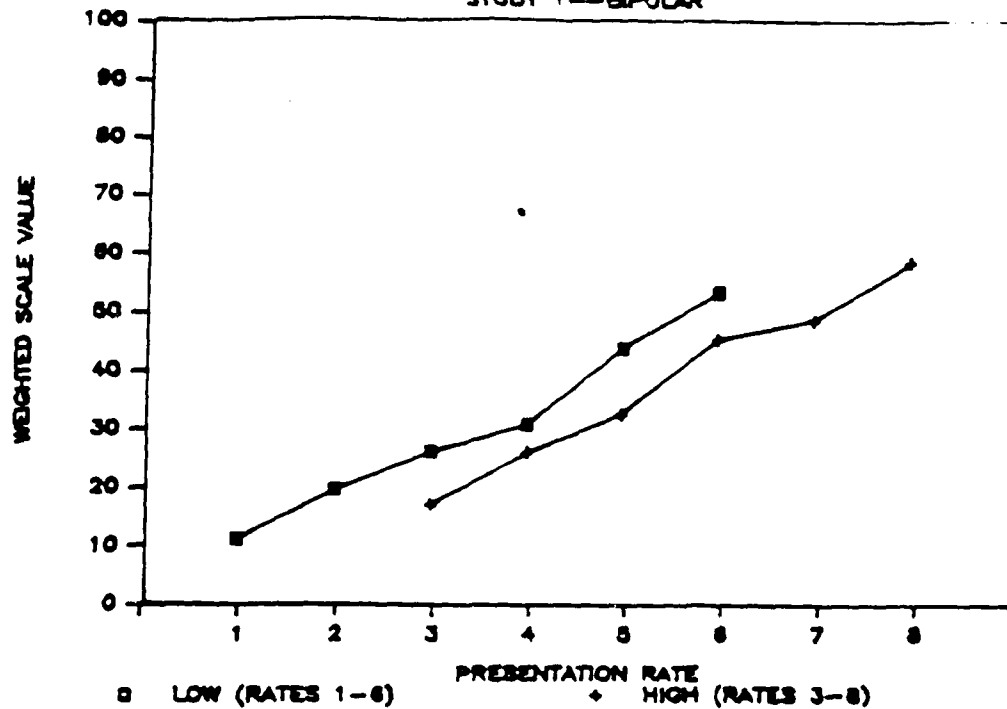


STUDY 2--SWAT

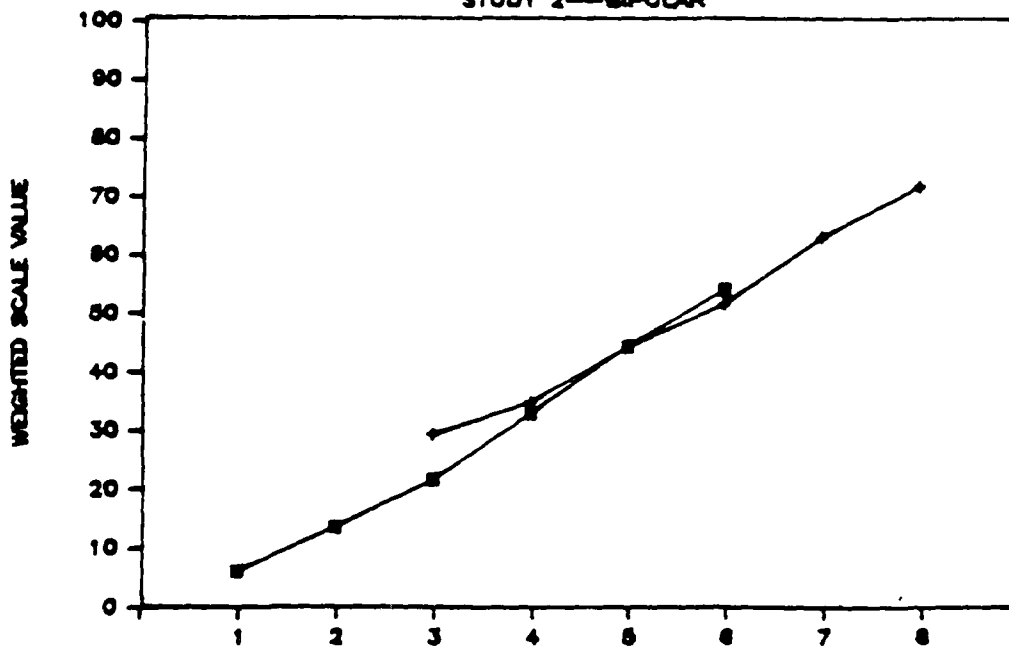


# CONTEXT STUDY

STUDY 1 — BIPOLAR



STUDY 2 — BIPOLAR



# TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. RELIABILITY

2. SENSITIVITY

3. METHODOLOGICAL PITFALLS

a. CONTEXT

b. MEMORY

c. INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES

# RELIABILITY MEASURES

TRAITS:

STABILITY OF INDIVIDUALS  
ACROSS DIFFERENT TASKS

STATES:

STABILITY OF TASK RATINGS  
ACROSS DIFFERENT GROUPS  
OF INDIVIDUALS

# VALIDITY -- WHAT IS THE MEANING OF NUMBERS?

1. WHAT ASPECTS OF THE OPERATOR /  
• TASK INTERACTION ARE COVERED ?

2. HOW DO YOU INTERPRET DIFFERENCES  
BETWEEN TASKS ?

# THE COSTS OF WORKLOAD

BEHAVIORAL MEASURES → IMPAIRMENTS  
TO PERFORMANCE

PHYSIOLOGICAL MEASURES → PSYCHOSOMATIC  
EFFECTS OF STRESS,  
OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES

SUBJECTIVE MEASURES → ?



# SUBJECTIVE MEASURES - CONSCIOUS EXPERIENCE

1. ESTIMATES OF THE ABILITY TO COPE  
WITH GOALS, ACHIEVE CRITERIA

2. SENSITIVE TO THE GENERAL "WORK OF  
INTENTIONS"

THESE INFLUENCE PERFORMANCE ON THE  
VERY GENERAL LEVEL

## *COSTS OF SUBJECTIVE WORKLOAD*

### *MAY EFFECT:*

- 1. MISJUDGMENT MAY AFFECT SELECTION  
OF GOALS AND CRITERIA*
- 2. MOTIVATION*
- 3. RISK-TAKING BEHAVIOR*

# DEFINITIONS

"MENTAL WORKLOAD MAY BE VIEWED AS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CAPACITIES OF THE INFORMATION-PROCESSING SYSTEM THAT ARE REQUIRED FOR TASK PERFORMANCE TO SATISFY PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS AND THE CAPACITY THAT IS AVAILABLE AT ANY GIVEN TIME." GOPHER AND DONCHIN, 1986.

"THE CONSTRUCT OF SPARE CAPACITY, DERIVED FROM MODELS OF ATTENTION, IS THE MOST IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF MENTAL WORKLOAD..."

"HOWEVER, MENTAL WORKLOAD IS MORE THAN JUST SPARE CAPACITY. ADDITIONAL ASPECTS OF MENTAL WORKLOAD INCLUDE SUBJECTIVE FEELINGS, EFFORT, INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES, STRATEGY AND PRACTICE." KANTOWITZ, 1986.

"WORKLOAD IS FUNDAMENTALLY DEFINED IN TERMS OF THIS RELATION BETWEEN RESOURCE SUPPLY AND TASK DEMAND." NICKENS, 1984.

"WORKLOAD ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUES ARE PRINCIPALLY DESIGNED TO MEASURE THE DEGREE OF OPERATOR PROCESSING CAPACITY WHICH IS EXPENDED IN PERFORMING A PARTICULAR TASK OR SYSTEM FUNCTION." EGGEMEIER, SHINGLEDECKER, AND CRABTREE, 1985.

"...THE DEFINITION OF WORKLOAD IN TERMS OF THE ATTENTION REQUIRED BY A TASK, OR THE ADDITIONAL CAPACITY YET REMAINING TO PERFORM ANOTHER TASK, WITH POSSIBLE REFERENCE TO THE INTENSITY OF MENTAL OR PHYSICAL EFFORT EXERTED." HART AND SHERIDAN, 1984.

"I DON'T KNOW!" "NOBODY ELSE KNOWS EITHER." KANTOWITZ, 1986.

"THERE IS NO AGREED-UPON DEFINITION OF MENTAL WORKLOAD AND NO AGREEMENT ON HOW TO MEASURE IT." MORAY, 1982.

# VALIDITY

- \* Face Validity:

Simulator / Aircraft

- \* Content Validity:

Multiple Resources: Manual Control - Cognitive

- \* Construct Validity:

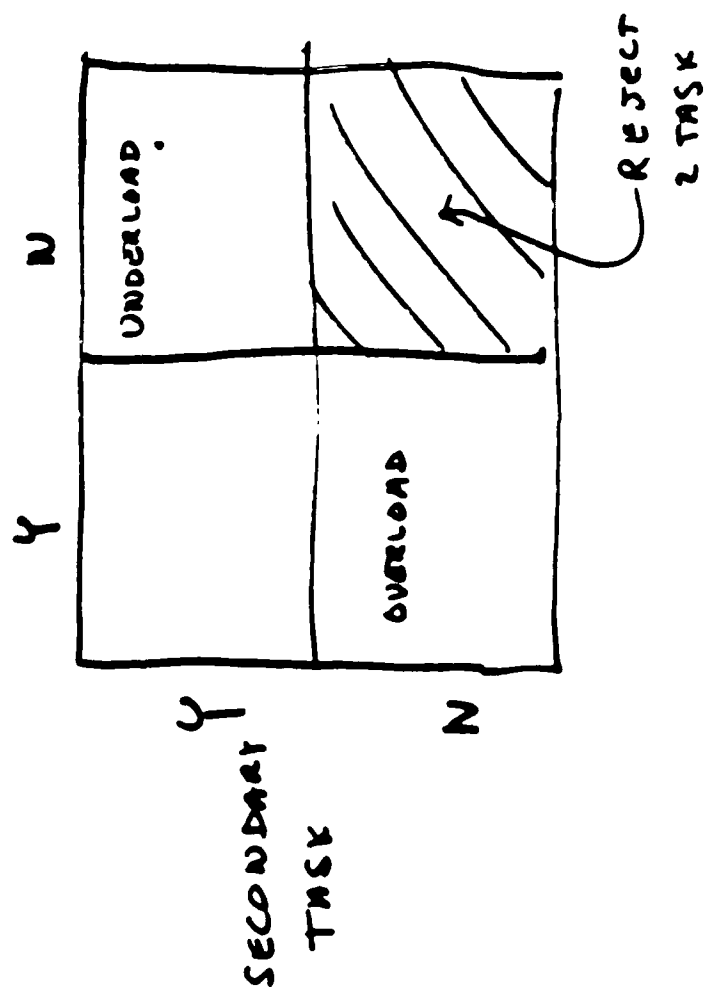
Difficulty - Performance - reserve capacity

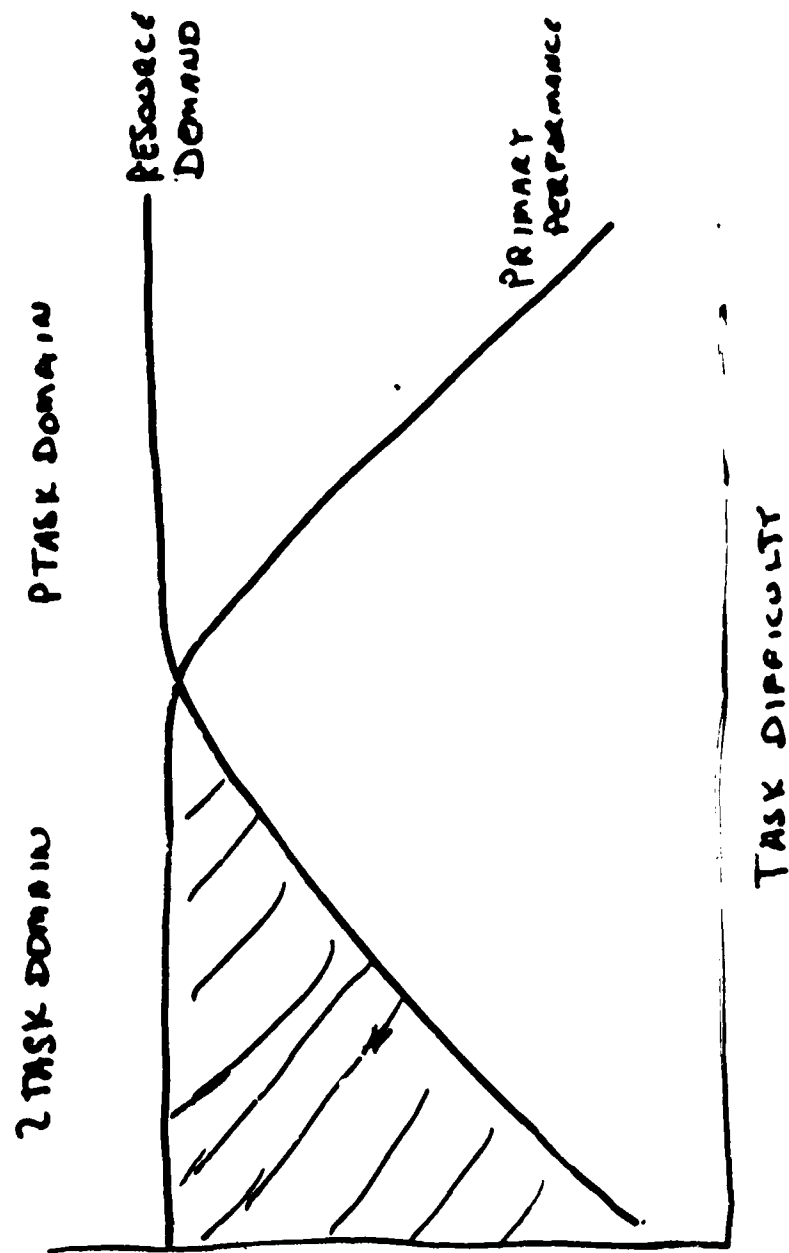
- \* Criterion Validity

Prediction of Accidents

# SENSITIVITY TO MANIPULATION OF:

PRIMARY TASK





X = sensitive  
 x = insensitive

	SECONDARY TASK				PRIMARY TASK		
	Sternberg	Choice RT	Cogn.	Time EST	Coif Task	Translation Error	Latency
EXPERTISE	1, 3						18
PHASE of FLIGHT	1, 6, 7	11		11 <sup>*</sup>	14	16	6, 7, 11 1, 16
COMPLEXITY	5 <sup>*</sup> , 4	12					12
TURBULENCE/ HANDLING	2, 8 4, 10	11	8, 13 <sup>†</sup>	8	14	8	10
COGNITIVE	4				15	16, 17	8, 16
	$\frac{9}{12}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{5}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{5}{10}$

\* Marginal significance

† Depends on modality

1. Braune & Wickens
2. Hemingway (256)
3. Crosby & Burkman
4. Schiplett (379)
5. Splenaza & O'Donnell
6. Dellinger } Wickens et al.
7. Hyman
8. Weirville et al.
9. Crawford et. al. (234)

10. Wolf (459)
11. Bartolucci et al (667)
12. Kantowich et al. (17)
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18. Stein (229)

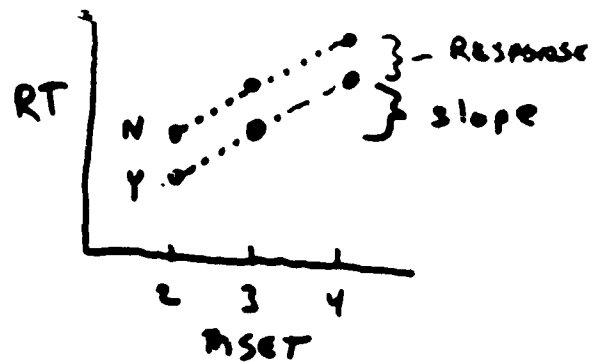
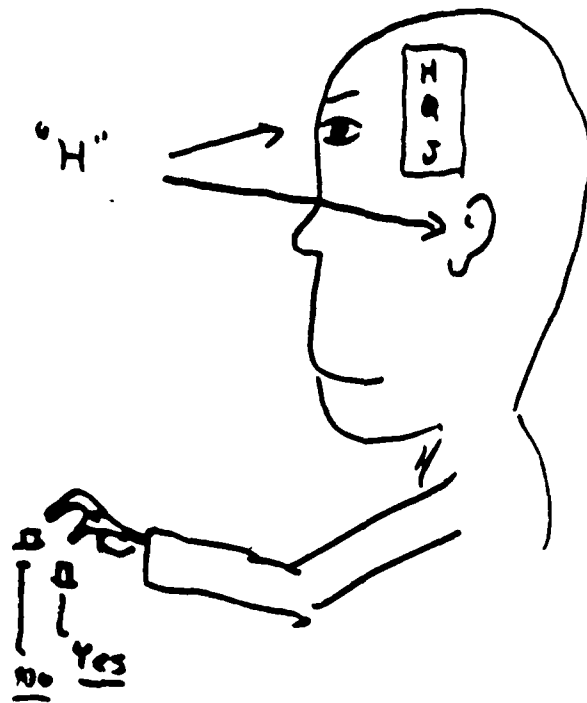




Table 9.

AVERAGE STATISTICS FOR EACH FLIGHT SEGMENT

Flights in GAT 2 simulator

B. H. 1012 + 1011  
(1984)

SIMULATOR CONTROL

COMMUNICATION TASK (Sternberg Task)

SEGMENT	RMS	St. Dev.	Skewn.	Kurtos.	NC	St. Dev.	Skewn.	Kurtos.	RT (sec.)	St. Dev.	Skewn.	Kurtos.
I	115.65	77.54	+1.18	+1.37								
II	100.01	59.50	+2.32	+11.53	25.04	3.38	-.16	-.58	1.24	.169	-.30	-1.01
III	193.04	140.16	+1.09	+1.23	21.52	4.56	-.45	-.72	1.35	.244	-.07	-1.02
IV	94.93	66.2	+2.47	+13.39	25.52	4.20	-.40	-.10	1.22	.212	+1.28	+2.91
V	106.61	65.6	+2.15	+10.61	25.37	3.85	-.11	-.94	1.22	.182	+1.11	-.45
VI	187.25	122.04	+ .96	+ .09								

Difficult  
(Climb and  
Turn)

EASY  
(Straight and  
Level)

TEST-RETEST

RELIABILITY

(N=30)

.74

.65

.74

# STERNBERG TASK

(Wickens, Hyman, Dellinger, Taylor & Meador)

1. Difficulty of Slope Measure
2. Benefit of Y-N (Response) Difference
3. Concern for Modality  
input (Noticing)  
output (Insensitivity)  
A-M is good
4. Response Switch
5. Overload Regran (Hemingway).
6. Avoid  $MSBT = 1$
7. Avoid cm.

Source: Sander & Wickens, 1982  
F-18 Simulator Mark-up

Inter-adjacent  
modality

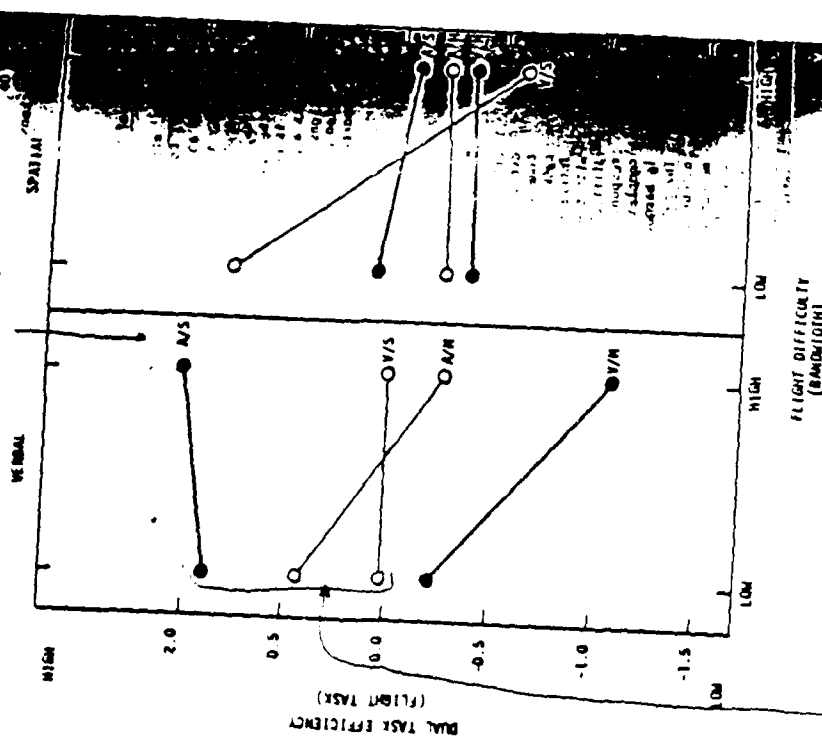


Figure 1: Flight Task Dual Task Efficiency as a Function of Difficulty

Conclusion: Voice response secondary tasks may not be sensitive to primary workload

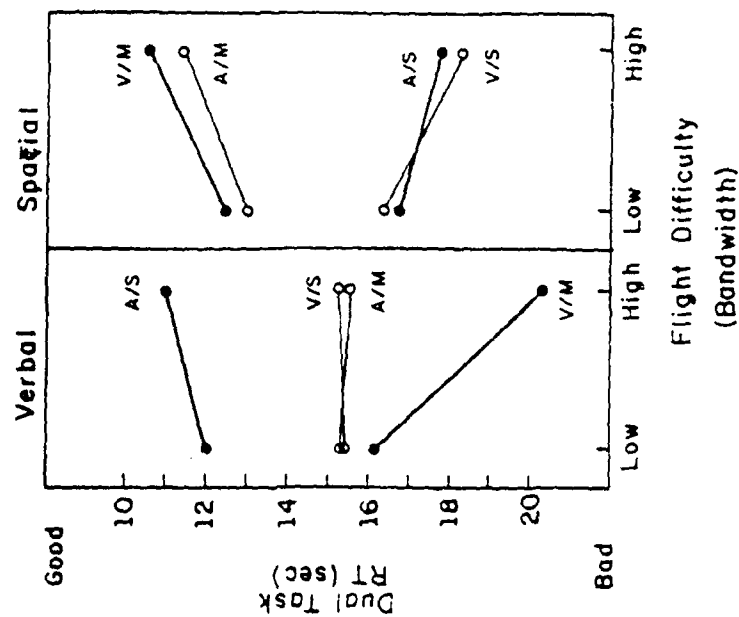
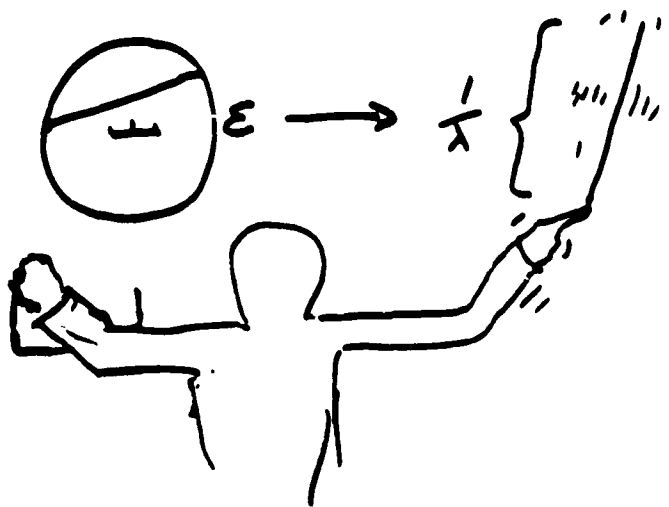


Figure 18: Dual Task Discrete Task Performance as a function of Difficulty.

# Cross-Coupled Critical Instability Task (JEX + CLEMENT)



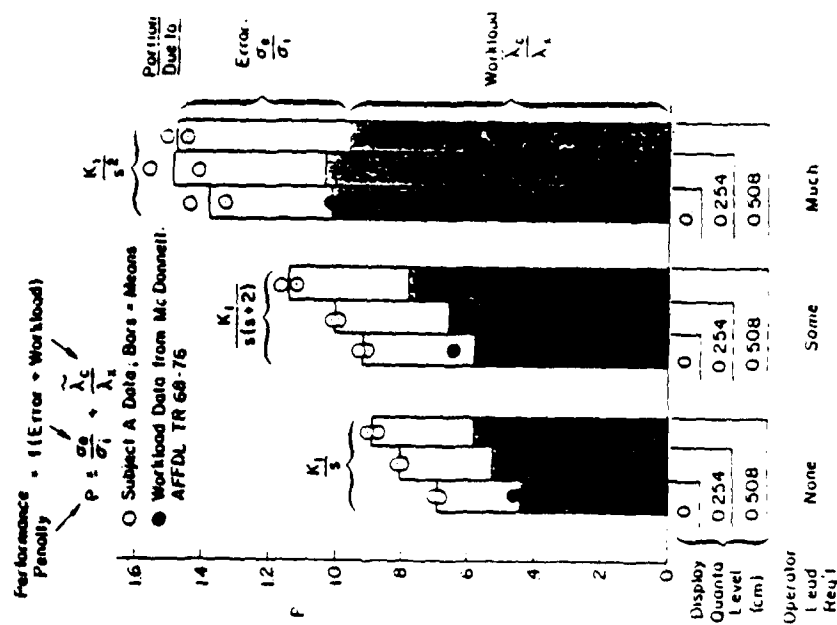


Figure 1. Typical Application of Adaptive Workload Testing (from Means and Teichgraber, Ref. 36)

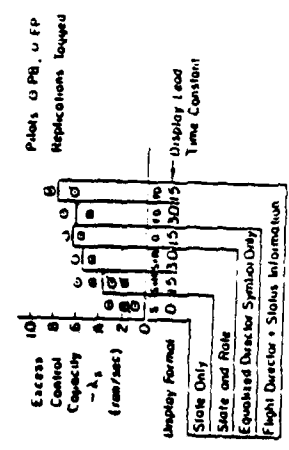


Figure 8.  $\lambda_s$  as a measure of excess control capacity for various VTOL integrated displays (from Clement et al., Ref. 35).

.. (Not shown) The subjective difficulty correlated with the P index.

.. Independent data on the workload index portion of P (i.e.,  $\lambda_c/\lambda_s$ ) is available from McDonnell's work (Ref. 33) and correlated very well with Ref. 34.

Such combined measures of error and workload can help to untangle the often anomalous trends in pure performance measures.

A third application of the CCIT in complex display research is given in Ref. 10 and 35, in which various flight director laws and integrated displays were tested with varying lead equalization time constants. The primary task was pitch and speed control during a simulated helicopter landing approach, while the cross-coupled secondary task was simulated roll control, but with an unstable element in lieu of the actual dynamics. Some results are shown in Fig. 8. Due to task complexity the achieved values of  $\lambda_s$  are low but they still distinguish among the displays in a manner consistent with concurrently sampled subjective evaluation of display workload.

Very recently, the CCIT has been employed to compare several pilots' use of a moving-map display with their use of a horizontal situation indicator (HSI) in a STOL airport approach navigation task (Ref. 36). Here the average  $\lambda_c/\lambda_s$  was evaluated over several segments of the complex approach path shown in Fig. 9 which presents an example of results by one pilot using the HSI. The cross-coupled scheme was digitally mechanized on the NASA

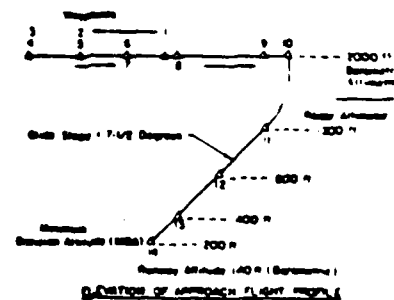
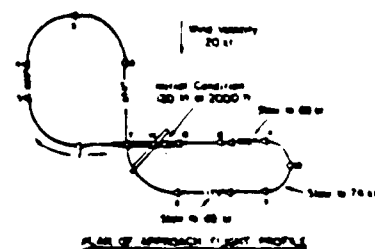
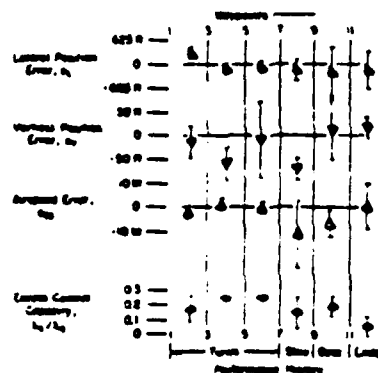


Figure 9. Sampled error performance and excess control capacity statistics with the cross-coupled task disguised as the spiral divergence of a simulated C-5M STOL aircraft. The plan elevation of the intended approach profile are also shown. The aircraft was controlled manually by a pilot using raw situation data under instrument flight rules without any flight director. Each symbol represents the time-averaged mean value and plus or minus one root-mean-square value between the numbered waypoints on the approach profile. The adaptive spiral divergence was cross-coupled to a weighted linear combination of the three error performance measures shown, and the weighted error reference was ten per cent greater than the pilot's own baseline error performance without the cross-coupled adaptive loading task. The maximum possible value of the excess control capacity measurement was limited at 0.25. This maximum value was reached between waypoints 3 and 7. (From Clement, ref. 36).

# PRIMARY TASK PERFORMANCE

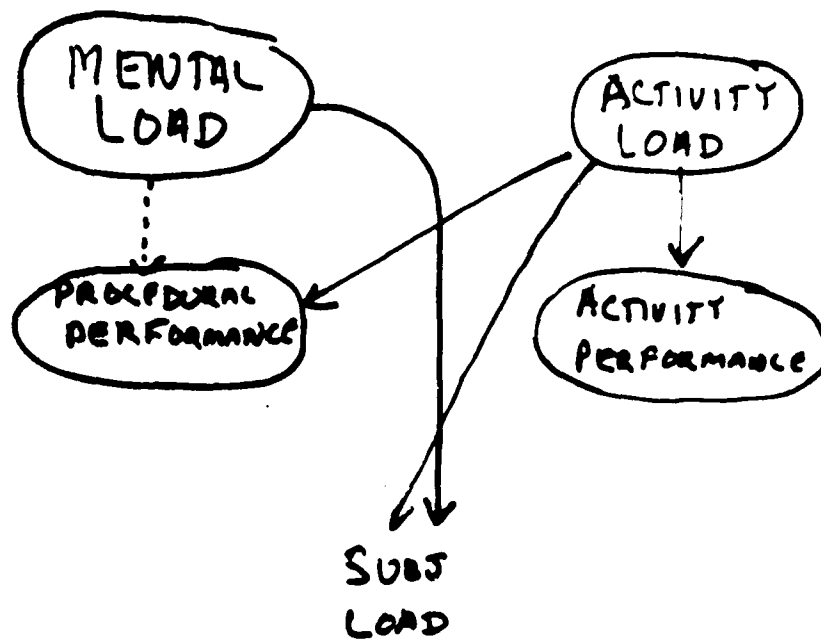
- \* DISSOCIATION WITH FLIGHT PHASE

  - (AND WITH PREDICTOR INFORMATION)

- \* INSENSITIVITY TO COGNITIVE LOAD

- \* ROLE OF CONTROL ACTIVITY  
(Neglected Measure?)

BERG + SHERIDAN (85)





## WORKLOAD MEASUREMENT

- PERFORMANCE-BASED ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUES
  - PROVIDE MOST DIRECT MEASURES OF TWO IMPORTANT VARIABLES IN CERTIFICATION
  - LEVELS OF PILOT PERFORMANCE
  - SPARE PROCESSING CAPACITY

## WORKLOAD METRIC EVALUATION CRITERIA

- VALIDITY
- RELIABILITY
- SENSITIVITY
- DIAGNOSTICITY
- INTRUSIVENESS

## PRIMARY TASK MEASURES

- VALIDITY : ACCEPTABLE ON A NUMBER OF DIMENSIONS
  - CONSTRUCT
  - FACE
- RELIABILITY : NO SYSTEMATIC DATA BASE IN WORKLOAD APPLICATIONS

## PRIMARY TASK MEASURES

- SENSITIVITY : RESULTS HAVE BEEN MIXED
  - DISCRIMINATE OVERLOAD FROM NONOVERLOAD
  - DISCRIMINATE WORKLOAD LEVELS IN OVERLOAD REGION
- DIAGNOSTICITY : USUAL APPLICATIONS DO NOT PROVIDE MEANS TO IDENTIFY LOCUS OF OVERLOADS
- INTRUSIVENESS : ASSUMED TO BE NONINTRUSIVE

REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATIONS OF PRIMARY TASK MEASURES  
IN AVIATION OR RELATED ENVIRONMENTS

- SCHULTZ, NEWELL, & WHITBECK (1970)
- HUDDLESTON & WILSON (1971)
- KRAUS & ROSCOE (1972)
- KREIFELDT, PARKIN, ROTHSCHILD, & WEMPE (1976)
- KREBS & WINGERT (1976)
- WOLFE (1978)
- NORTH, STACKHOUSE, & GRAFFUNDER (1979)

REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATIONS OF PRIMARY TASK MEASURES  
IN AVIATION OR RELATED ENVIRONMENTS

- CASALI & WIERWILLE (1983)
- KANTOWITZ, HART, & BORTOLUSSI (1983)
- WIERWILLE & CONNER (1983)
- CASALI & WIERWILLE (1984)
- KANTOWITZ ET AL. (1984)
- WIERWILLE, RAHIMI, & CASALI (1985)

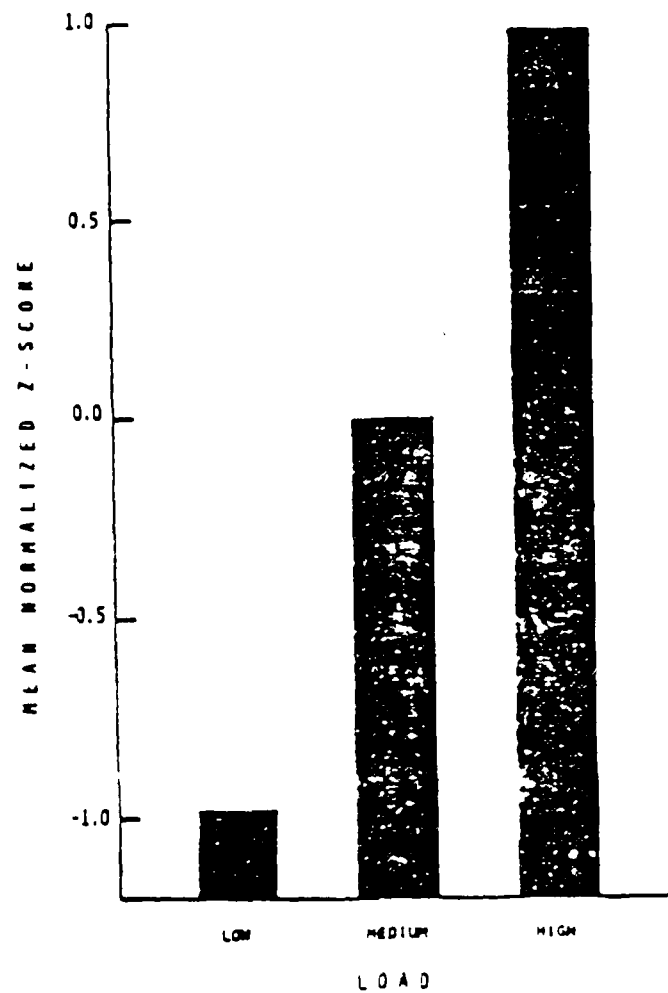
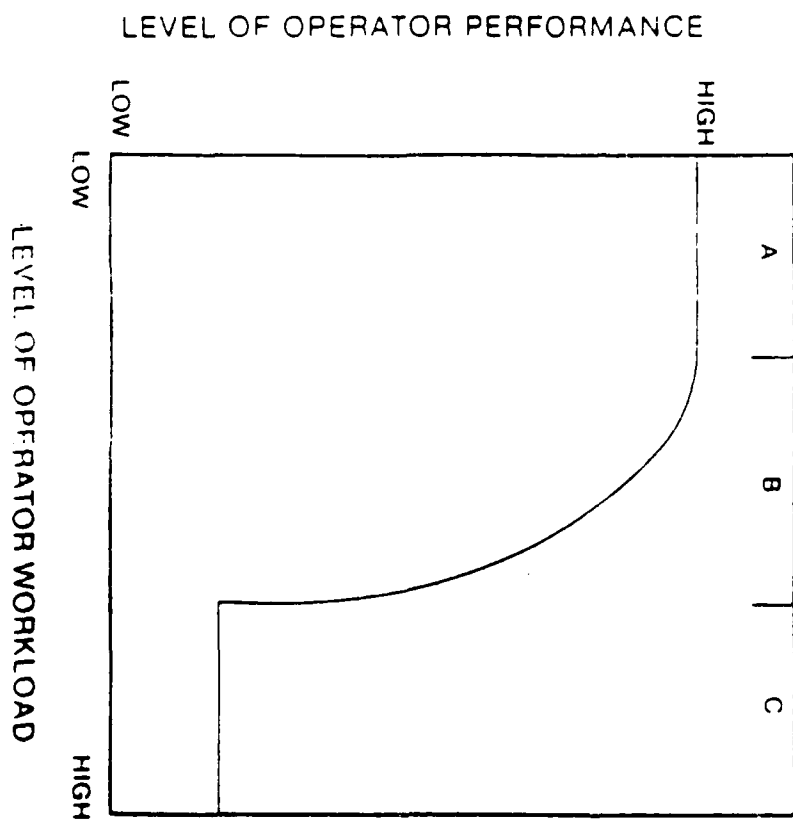


Figure 9. Mean normalized scores as a function of load for the control movements measure.

SOURCE: WIERWILLE & CONNER (1983)





## SECONDARY TASK METHODOLOGY

- VALIDITY

- ACCEPTABLE CONSTRUCT VALIDITY
- FACE VALIDITY COULD REPRESENT PROBLEM

- RELIABILITY

- LITTLE SYSTEMATIC DATA IN SECONDARY-TASK APPLICATIONS
- SOME DATA ON SINGLE-TASK VERSIONS OF SEVERAL TECHNIQUES ( MEMORY SEARCH, REACTION TIME)

## SECONDARY TASK METHODOLOGY

- SENSITIVITY : CAPABLE OF DETECTING CAPACITY EXPENDITURE  
VARIATIONS IN NONOVERLOAD CONDITIONS
- DIAGNOSTICITY : CAN PROVIDE MEANS TO SPECIFY  
LOCUS OF POTENTIAL OVERLOADS
- INTRUSIVENESS :
  - HAS REPRESENTED PROBLEM IN LABORATORY
  - PROBLEM MAY NOT BE AS SEVERE IN  
SIMULATION/OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENTS

REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATIONS OF SECONDARY TASK  
METHODOLOGY IN AVIATION OR RELATED ENVIRONMENTS

● STERNBERG MEMORY SEARCH

- O'DONNELL (1976)
- CRAWFORD, PEARSON, & HOFFMAN (1978)
- WOLFE (1978)
- WICKENS & DERRICK (1981)
- SCHIFFLET, LINTON, & SPICUZZA (1982)
- WIERWILLE & CONNOR (1983)
- HEMINGWAY (1984)
- WICKENS, HYMAN, DELLINGER, TAYLOR, & MEADOR (1985)

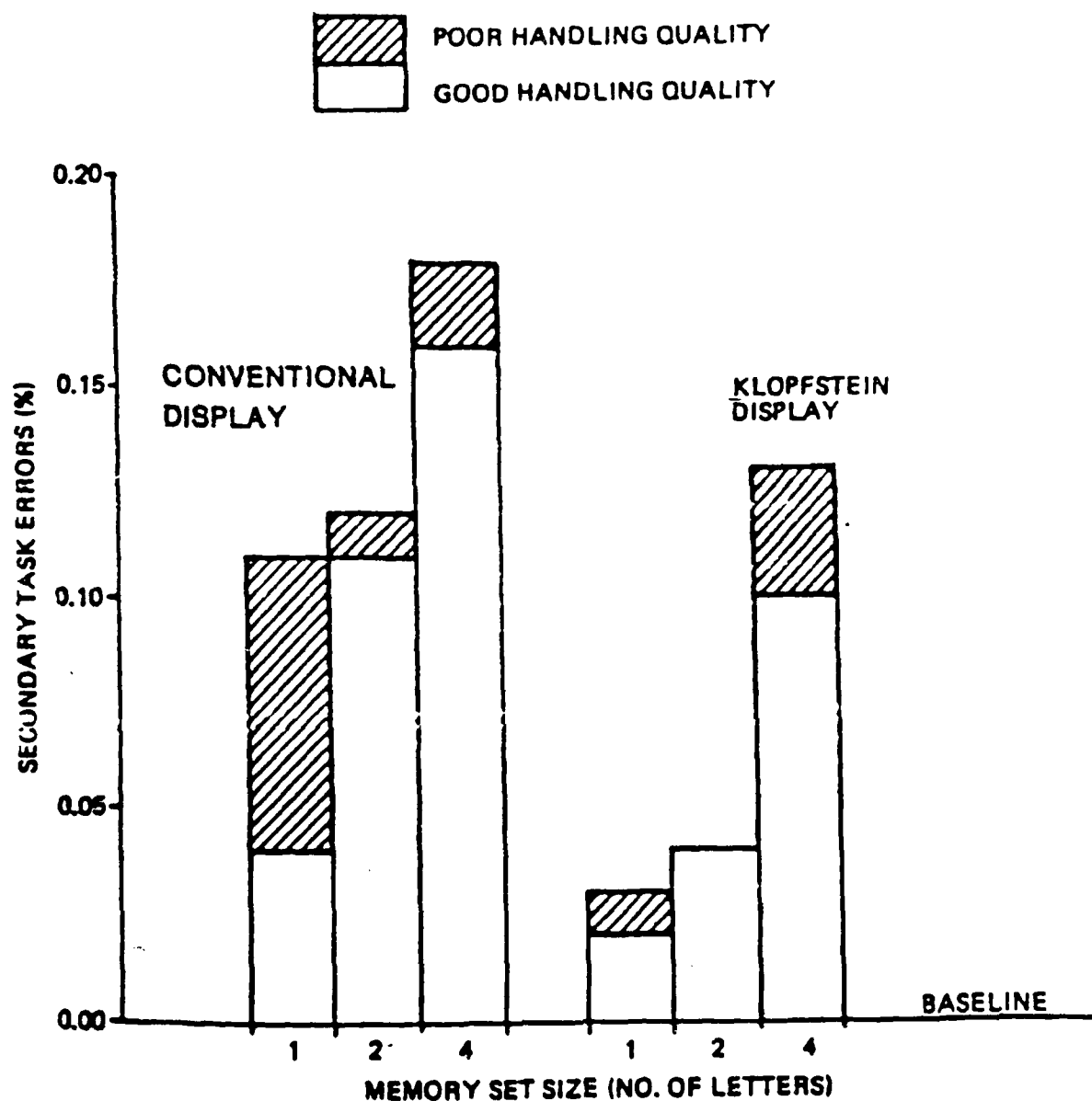


Figure 6 Mean Percent Secondary Task Error for Memory Set Size (Number of Letters) by Display Format and Handling Quality

SOURCE: SCHIFFLET, LINTON, & SPICUZZA (1982)

REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATIONS OF SECONDARY TASK  
METHODOLOGY IN AVIATION OR RELATED ENVIRONMENTS

● CHOICE REACTION TIME

- KANTOWITZ, HART, & BORTOLUSSI (1983)
- KANTOWITZ ET AL. (1984)

● MENTAL MATHEMATICS

- HUDDLESTON & WILSON (1971)
- GREEN & FLUX (1976)
- WIERWILLE & CONNOR (1983)

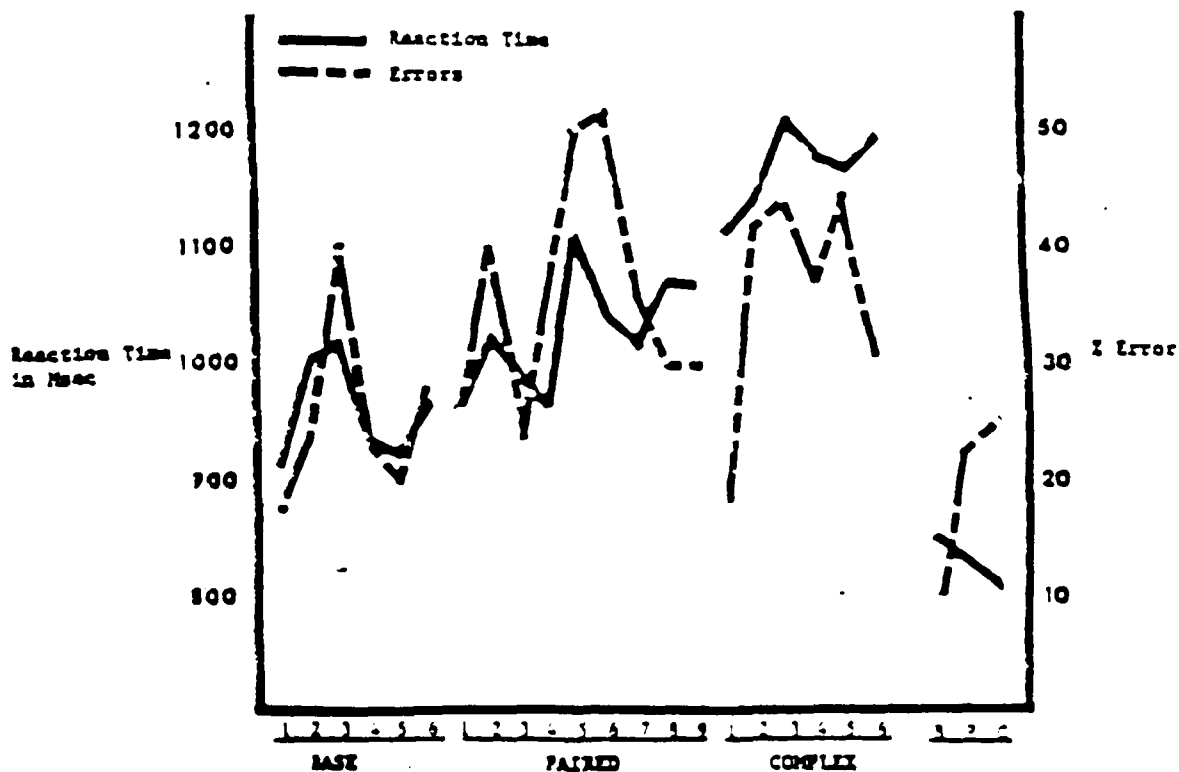


Figure 5. Secondary task performance (Reaction time/Errors) as a function of level of primary task.

KANTOWITZ, HART, BORTOLUSSI, SHIVELY, & KANTOWITZ (1984)

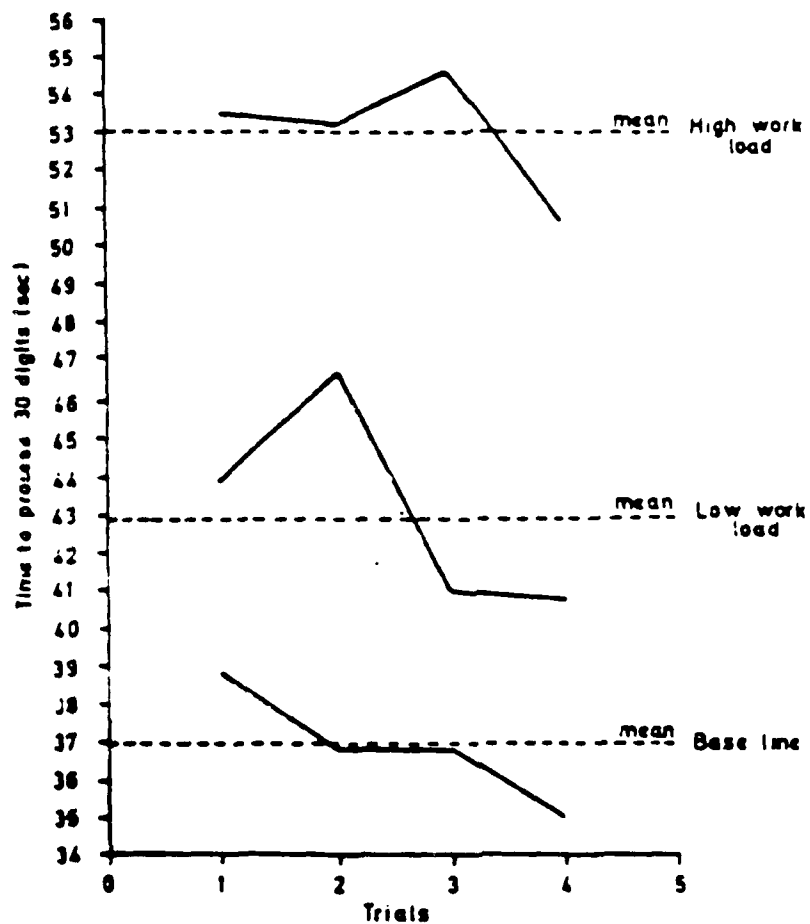


Fig3 Effect of Cockpit Workload on a Auditory Task

SOURCE: GREEN & FLUX (1976)

REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATIONS OF SECONDARY TASK  
METHODOLOGY IN AVIATION OR RELATED ENVIRONMENTS

- CRITICAL TRACKING TASK

- JEX & CLEMENT (1979)
- BURKE, GILSON, & JAGACINSKI (1980)

- TIME ESTIMATION

- HART (1978)
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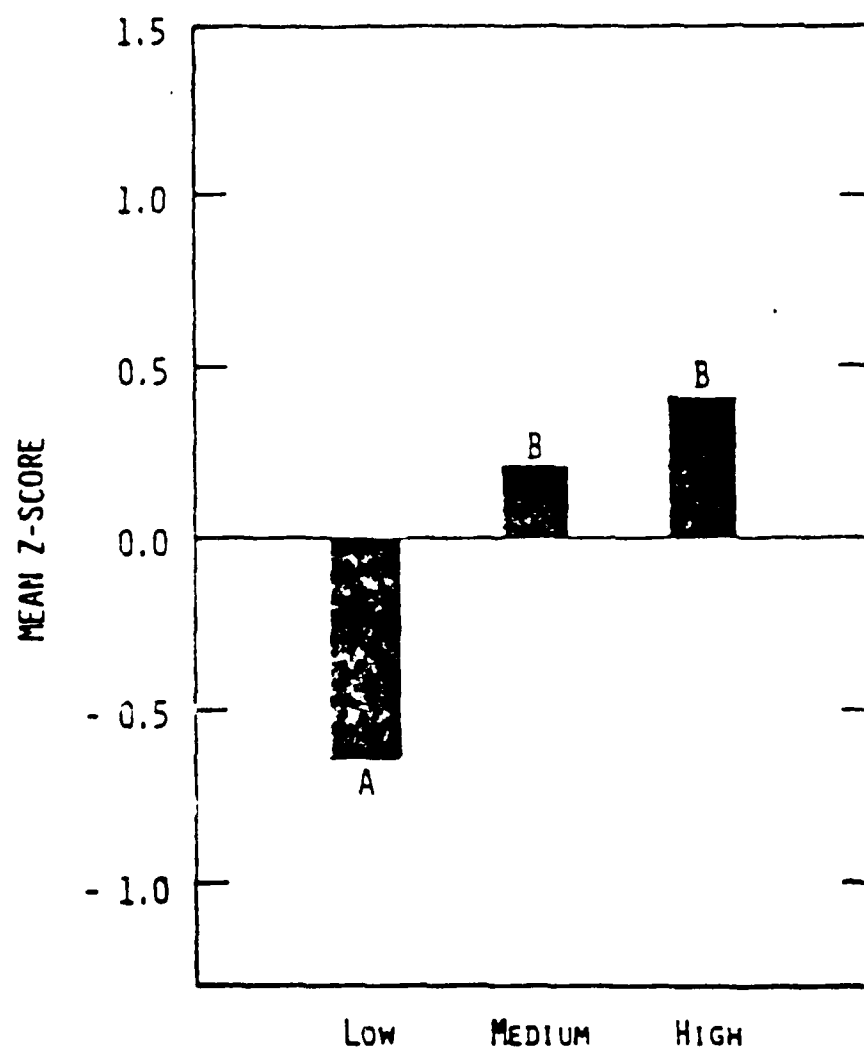


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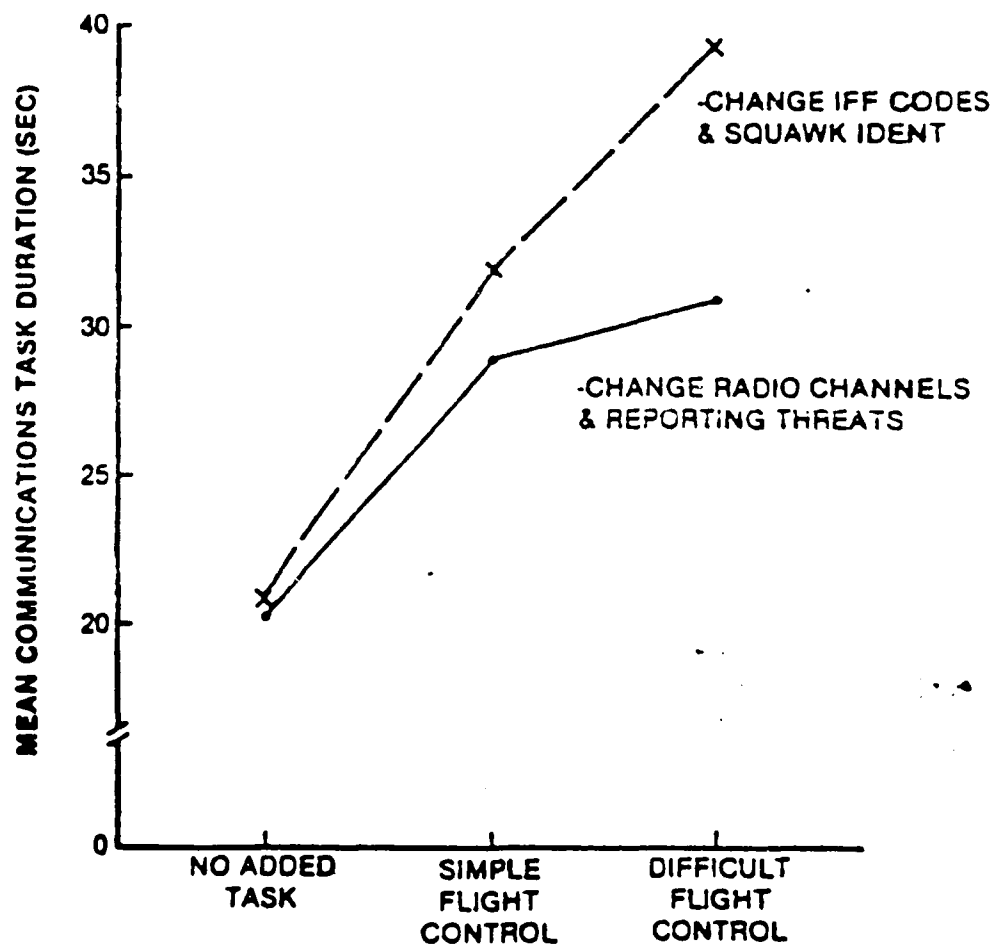
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● EMBEDDED RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- SHINGLEDECKER ET AL. (1980)
- SHINGLEDECKER & CRABTREE (1982)
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## COMMUNICATION TASK PERFORMANCE AS A MEASURE OF COCKPIT WORKLOAD



SOURCE: SHINGLEDECKER & CRABTREE (1982)

## CONCLUSIONS

- PRIMARY TASK MEASUREMENT ESSENTIAL IN ALL APPLICATIONS
- SECONDARY TASK MEASURES PROVIDE IMPORTANT COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION THROUGH:
  - POTENTIAL GREATER SENSITIVITY TO VARIATIONS IN CAPACITY EXPENDITURE
  - CAPABILITY TO DIAGNOSE THE LOCUS OF POTENTIAL OVERLOADS
- SECONDARY TASK BATTERY REQUIRED TO PROVIDE DIAGNOSTIC CAPABILITY

- Primary Task Measures
- Secondary Task Measures
  - Sensitivity
  - Diagnosticity
  - Intrusiveness
  - User Acceptance
- Underload
- Battery

# Issues

## 1 Performance Work Load Measures

- Primary - Necessary but not sufficient - bottom line is can you do the job accomplish the task.

- Sensitivity an issue especially at the low end and in the middle. At the high end, if the operator can no longer perform, it may be indicative of a workload problem depending on the other circumstances.

- But what were the costs to this part?

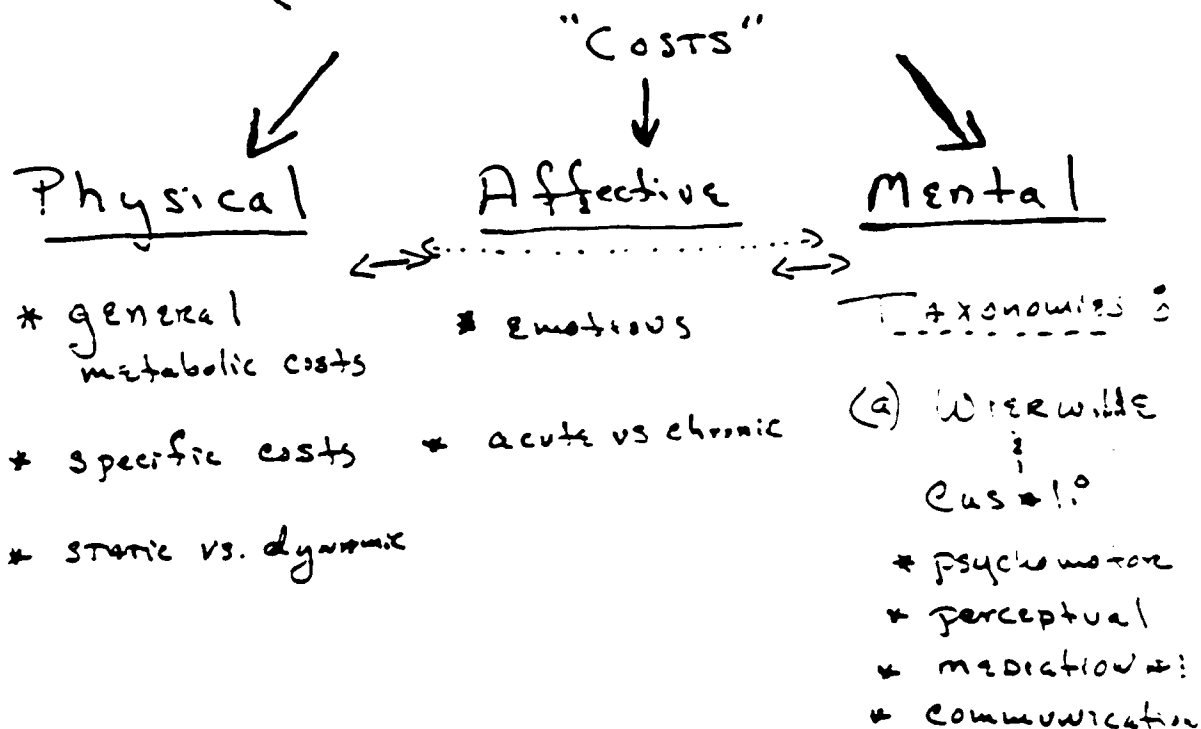
- Secondary - Diagnostic some appear to offer promise at discerning in a valid & reliable fashion, costs of performance in terms of resources etc.

Sternberg on flexible  
critical tracking task

- Under load - most of the literature we address are not focused on this - may be different sides of the coin. For example looking to the analogy of attention & anomalies of attention - high workload frequently results in over focusing of attention (tunnel vision) whereas low workload may be more of boredom and lack of the proper attention — distraction
- Fidelity & Pilot Acceptance -
  - A criticism of end user procedures
  - ~~Implementation~~ Implementation problem of ~~the~~ intrusion
  - embedded tasks seen & promised
- Crew vs Pilot Workload

# ① Physiological Measures of Workload

## ① "WORKLOAD" (Task Demands - Operator Responses)



(b) Wickens, Naum & Gopher,  
Friedman & Polson

Resources:

- \* STAGES
- \* CODES
- \* MODALITIES

(c) SANDERS

Resource - Stage  
model



## ③ ② Why Physiological Measures?

### Considerations :

- \* Cost  
training time & money
- \* Equipment  
transducers, amplifiers, computers
- \* Signal recognition - Signal Extraction -  
Signal conditioning
- \* Fact vs Artifact  
ERPs - EEG, EMG, 60/50 Hz  
Frequency, Spatial & Temporal filters

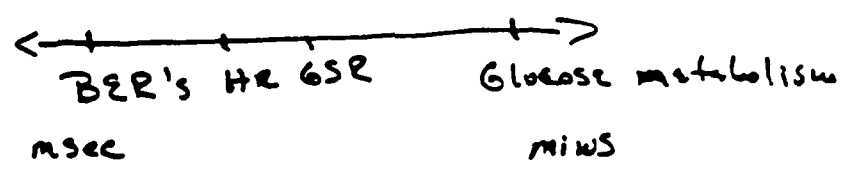
So .....

Physiological measures should  
complement / augment other measures

Also suitable EEG & ERP.

A few benefits :

- \* Unobtrusive
- \* Multidimensional
  - \* Cardiac function - EKG, blood pressure, blood volume,  $Ca$
  - \* CNS function - EEG, ERP,
- \* Continuous
- \* Real - Time
- \* Range of Temporal Resolution



## ④ ③ Categories of Physiological Measures

### ① WORKLOAD

heart rate, sinus arrhythmia,  
blood pressure, SCR, respiration,  
EMG, eye blink

### ② workload

ERP, EEG, pupil diameter, body  
fluids

DIAGNOSTICITY

Lo ————— Hi



Components of  
Workload important  
for Aircraft  
Certification



"APPLICABILITY"

and criteria also necessary for other measures - Multidimensional Concept

Constant Validity

## (II) Specific Physiological Measures: Problems & Promises

Cautionary Note: Physiological measures should not be collected in isolation. (Workload anchors / validation criteria are necessary)

### (A) Heart Rate & Heart Rate Variability Why?

- ① Large data base suggesting association between heart rate & variability & affective / physical / mental workload

#### Aviation Context:

- \* Alaw Roscoe - flight segments
- \* Linquist et al - " "
- \* Hart et al - pilot / co-pilot

6)

but . . . . .

"not all roses"

Failures to find association:

\* Wierwille et al

\* Mobbs et al

Explanations:

- \* Variety of calculation methods used  
for heart rate / heart rate variability
- \* Different components of "signal"  
(P QRS T) may be sensitive to  
different aspects of workload

(→) Kalsbeek et al (1966's)

- \* heart rate variability decreases  
with little change in heart rate  
(perceptuomotor tasks)

(b) Mulder . . . .

- \* .02 - .06 Hz → vaso motor activity  
involved in body temp.  
regulation
- \* .15 - .50 → reflects respiratory  
activity on cardiac signal

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## ② Multi Dimensional Measure

"varieties of Workload"

no the extent any physio  
measures is practical.

## ③ Easy to Record & Analyze

"Practical"?

Time Frequency  
Domains

Artifacts:

(a) low frequency - conductive  
characteristics of skin  
filter

(b) high frequency - movement / muscle  
activity

\* high freq. tangle  
- inbuilt ok.

## ④ Reliability

\* Consistency across experiments  
alternate forms / investigators

\* Test-Retest

Fahrenberg et al (1986)

30 min	.81	} → over variety of conditions; 58 s's.
3 weeks	.64	
1 year	.47	

# 9) ③ Event Related Brain Components

Why?

## ① Multidimensional Measure

- \* Between Components
  - Exogenous - endogenous
  - integrity of ERS - workload
- \* Within Component

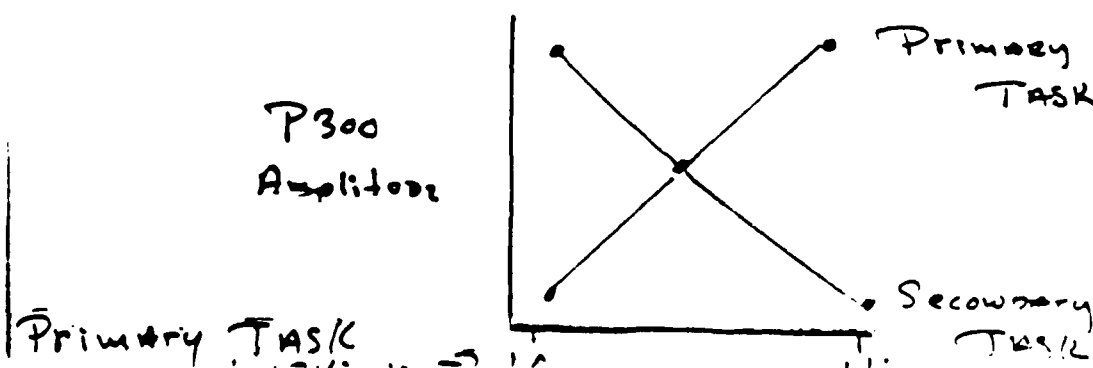
latency, amplitude, scalp distribution

also EEG is "free"

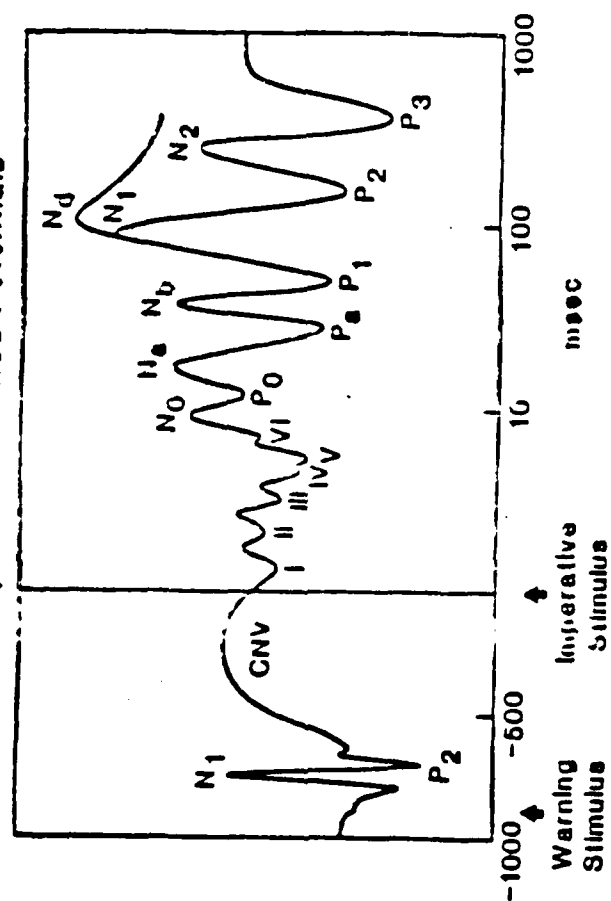
## ② Large data base suggesting association between perceptual / cognitive demands ; characteristics of ERP (P300)

- \* Strong tie with models of Resource Allocation ; Mental Chronometry

"Convergent Validity"



Auditory Event-Related Potentials





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## Validity in Aviation Contexts

\* Latani & Gower (1981)

\* Part Task Simulation

maintain constant airspeed &  
perform threat detection task

\* Secondary task techniques

\* Lindholm et al (1984)

Carrier Landing & Surface to Air  
(pilot trainees) missile avoidance

\* # of tasks

\* Threat level

\* Secondary / probe  
techniques

\* secondary / primary  
techniques

\* N200 & P300

\* Kemper et al (1987)

\* Full task IFR simulation

\* Between & within mission analysis

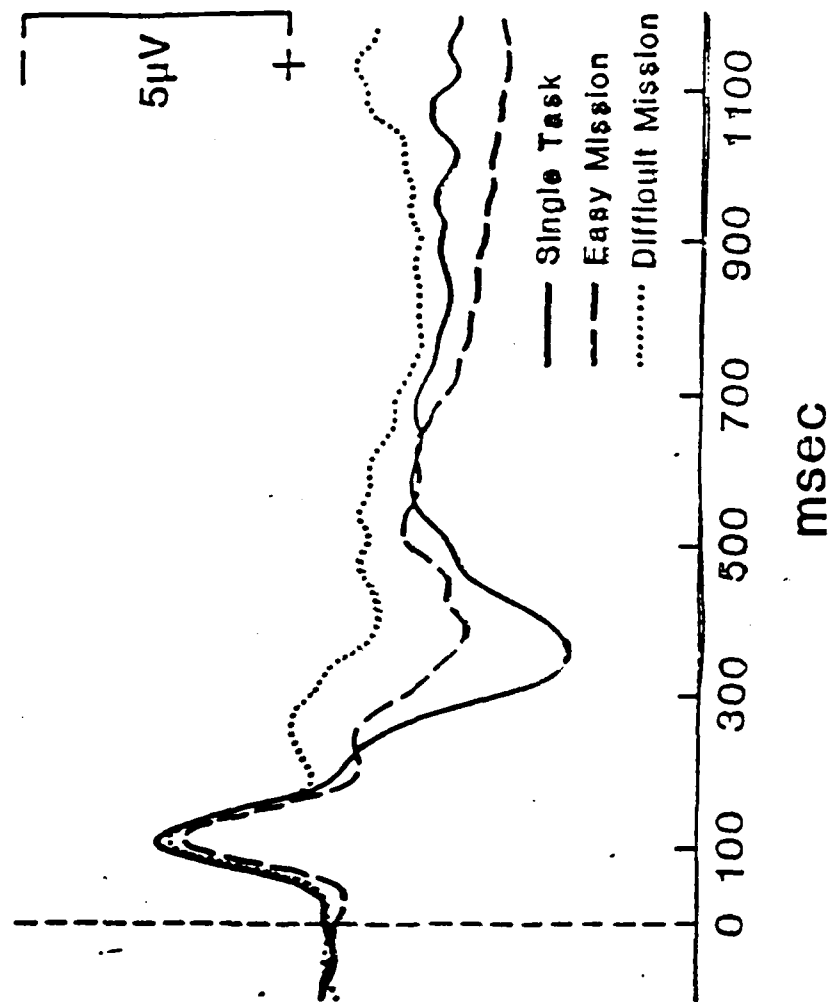
\* Student & Instructor Pilots

\* Secondary Task Techniques.

WORKLOAD  
"Turbulence"  
Roll

(Difficulty  
# of tasks  
cognition, engine, tower, ...)

try  
Vim  
Minds  
↓



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### ③ Recording & Analysis

#### \* Potential Artifacts

- \* EOG - filters (EMCP)
- \* EMG - influences some components more than others
- \* Line noise - ground loops  
notch filters

#### \* S/N Ratio

↙  
Average

↘  
Single Trial Counting.  
"Mental Prosthesis"

Secondary Task also useful - "transportable."

#### Analysis

→ Visual inspection - Univariate Measures - Multivariate Techniques

#### Paradigms:

Used for Discrete event . . . .

Primary, Secondary, Probe

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## ④ Reliability

Fabiawati et al (1987) - "P300"

- \* split-half
- \* test-retest
- \* Comparison of a # of Data Analytic studies
- \* comparison of different features of component

	Amplitude	Latency
Split Half	.72	.83
Test Retest	.83	.63

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## C BLINKS

### ① Multicomponent Measures

- \* Blink latency, rate
- \* Blink waveform
  - \* closing
  - \* closed
  - \* reopening

### ② Large database suggesting association between blink parameters & attentional focusing, transition points in informative processing, level of activation

- \* sensitive to General Cognitive Factors

Mostly laboratory tasks

- \* Stern et al
- \* Sherman
- \* Hollnagel & Tarrow

Need operational Validation

(14)

### ③ Recording & Analysis

- \* Variety of Recording techniques
  - \* EEG is free  
(complements ERPs)
    - noise - signal
    - signal - noise
- \* Similar electrical artefact problems to ERPs but better S/N.
- \* Analysis relatively standard
- \* Can't count on blinks every trial (e.g. blink rate)
  - Hi —————> Lower
  - ERPs —————> Blink Rate
  - "Temporal Resolution"

### ④ Reliability

- \* Separate Focus

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## SUMMARY

- \* Complement other measures
  - \* general system activation
  - \* diagnostic resource costs
    - characteristic information
  - \* automatic vs. controlled
- \* Other Physio measures interesting but .....
  - eg. Pupil Diameter
- \* UNobtrusive
- \* continuous
  - time course
- \* Standardized measures needed
  - recording procedures
- \* Provide information on the Physical integrity of the operator

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Whole flight

Capt B' LHR-Milan October 1965  
Milan-LHR

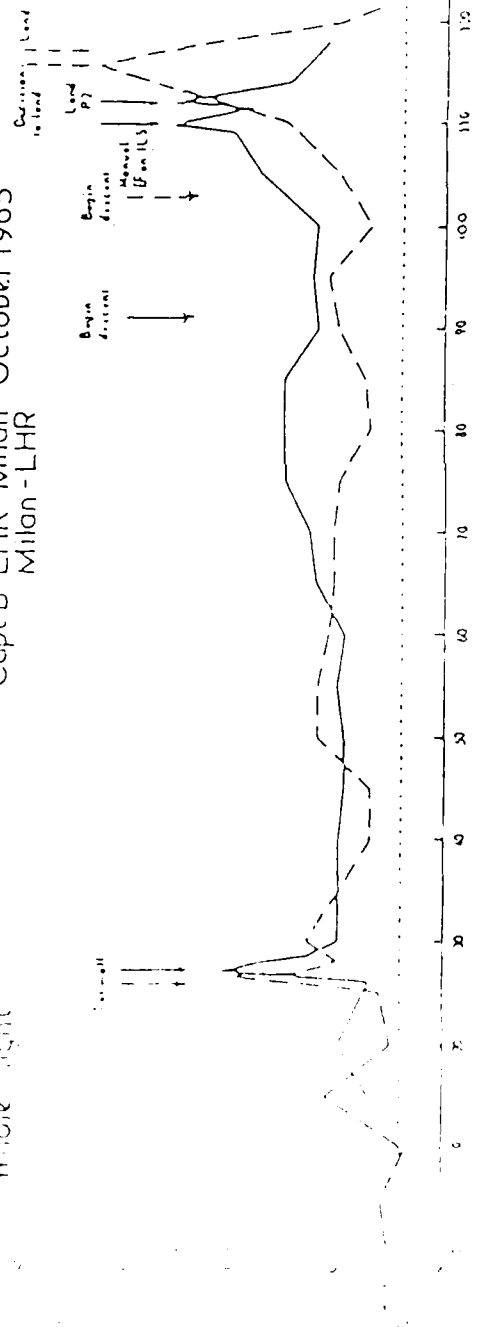


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Smith, 1967

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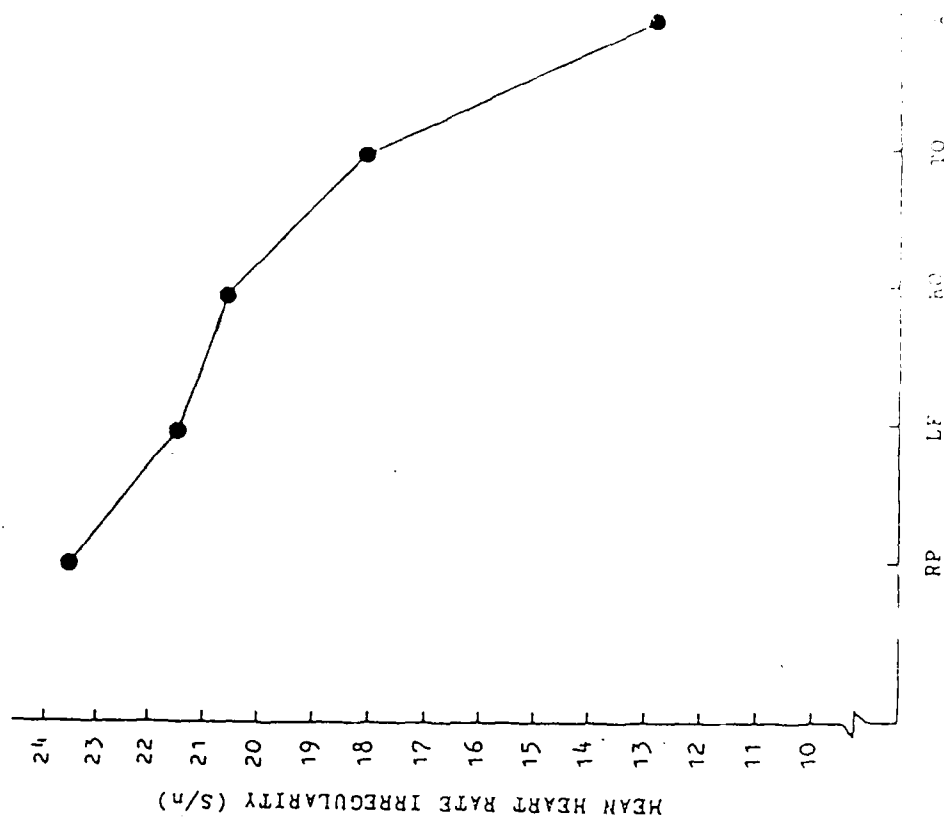


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Opmeer, 1973

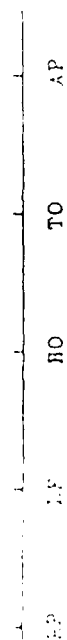


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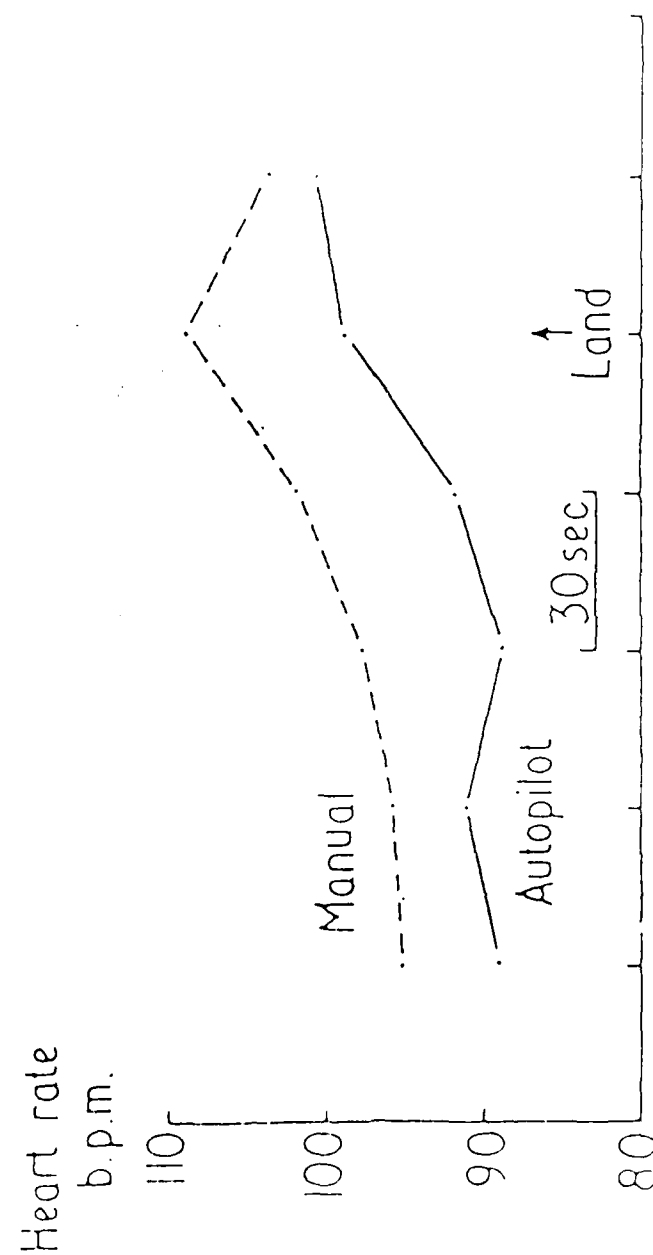


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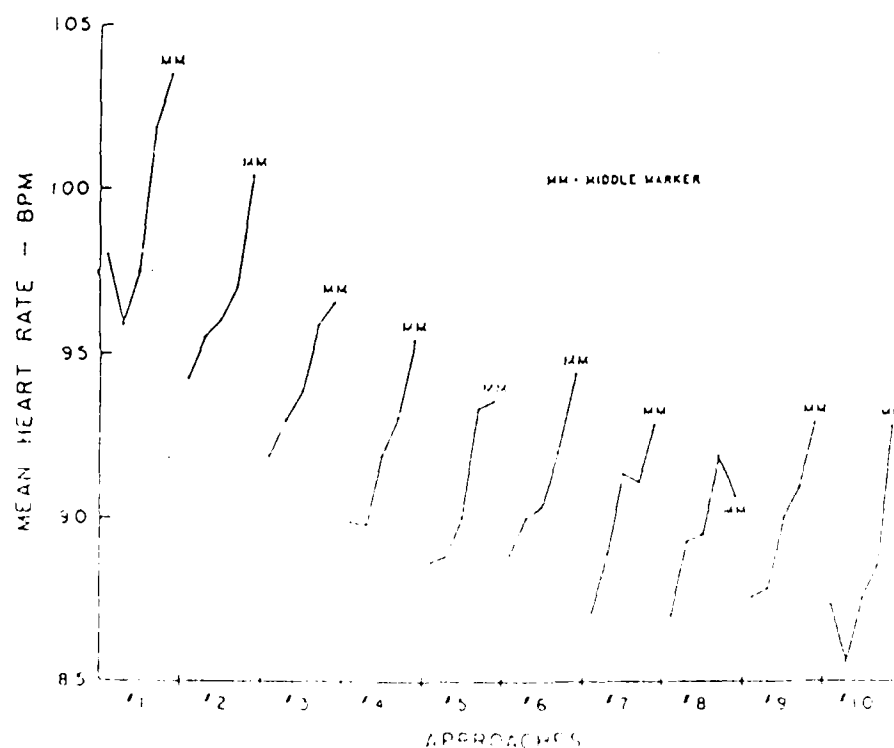
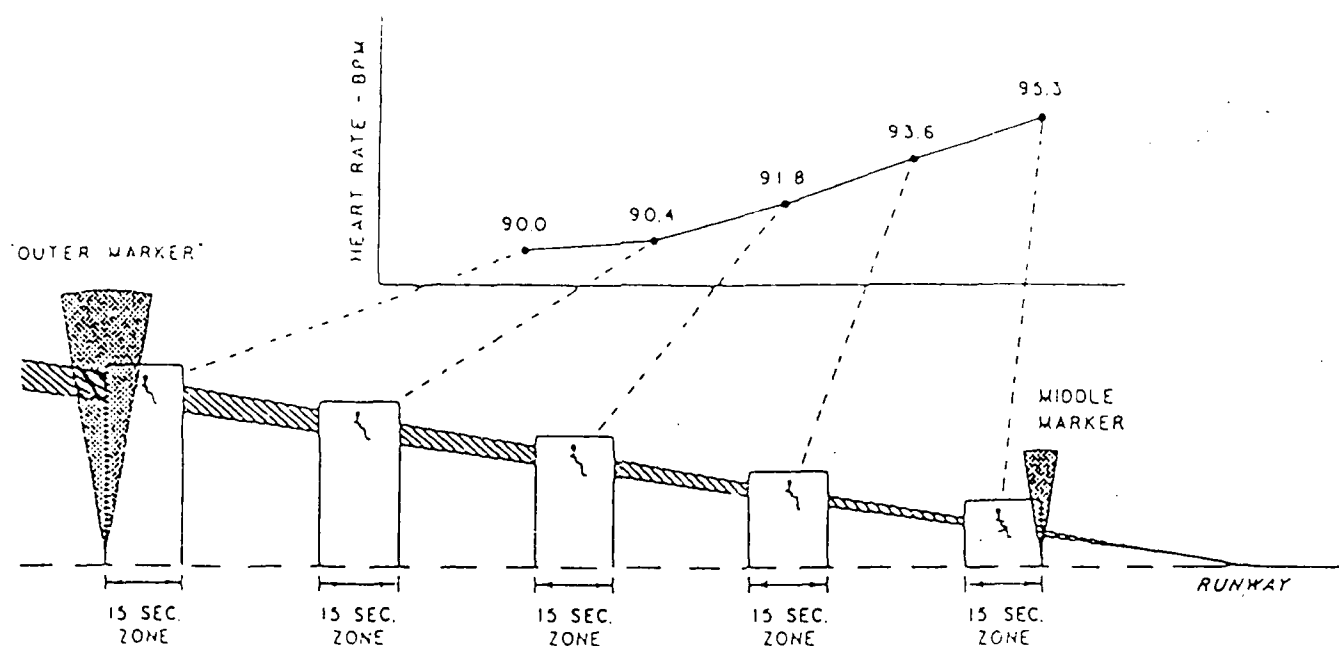


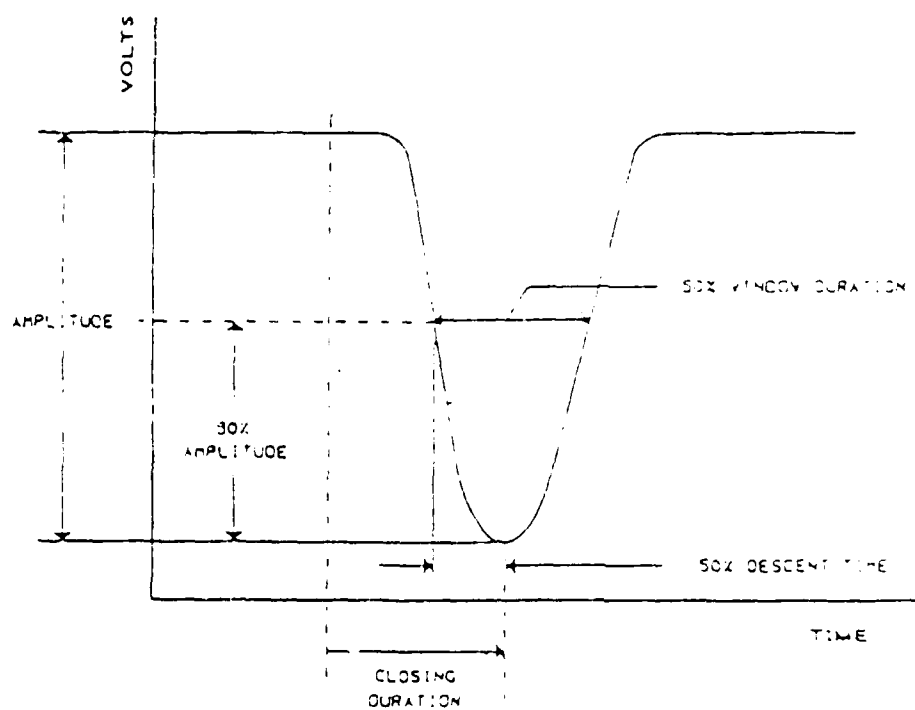
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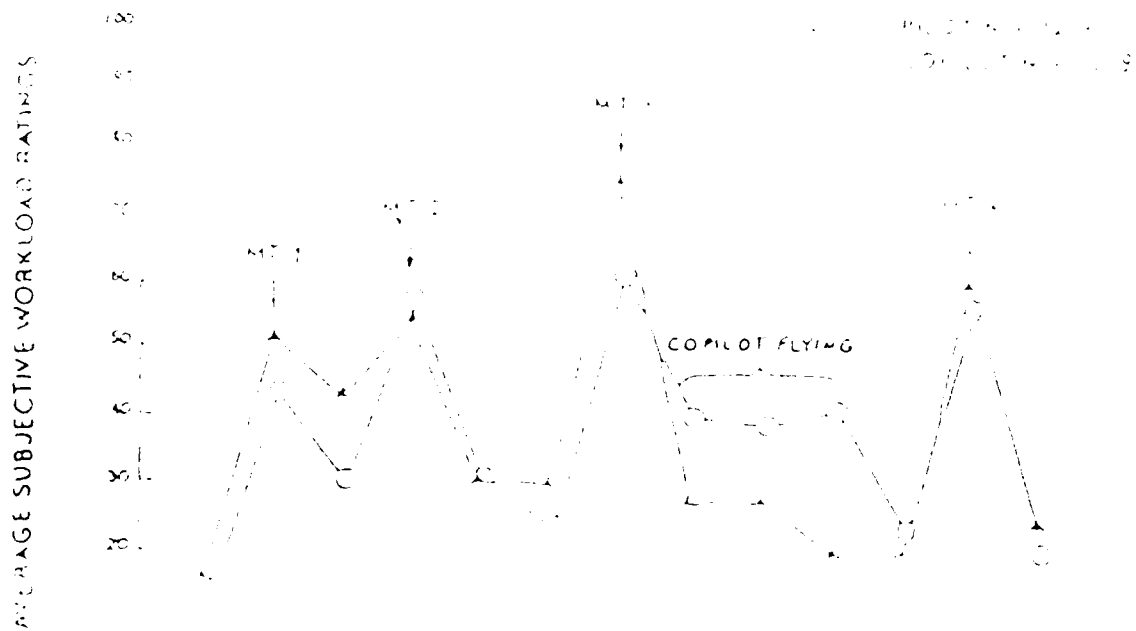
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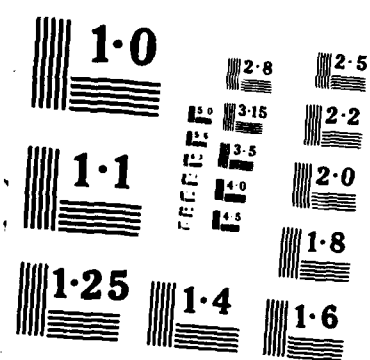
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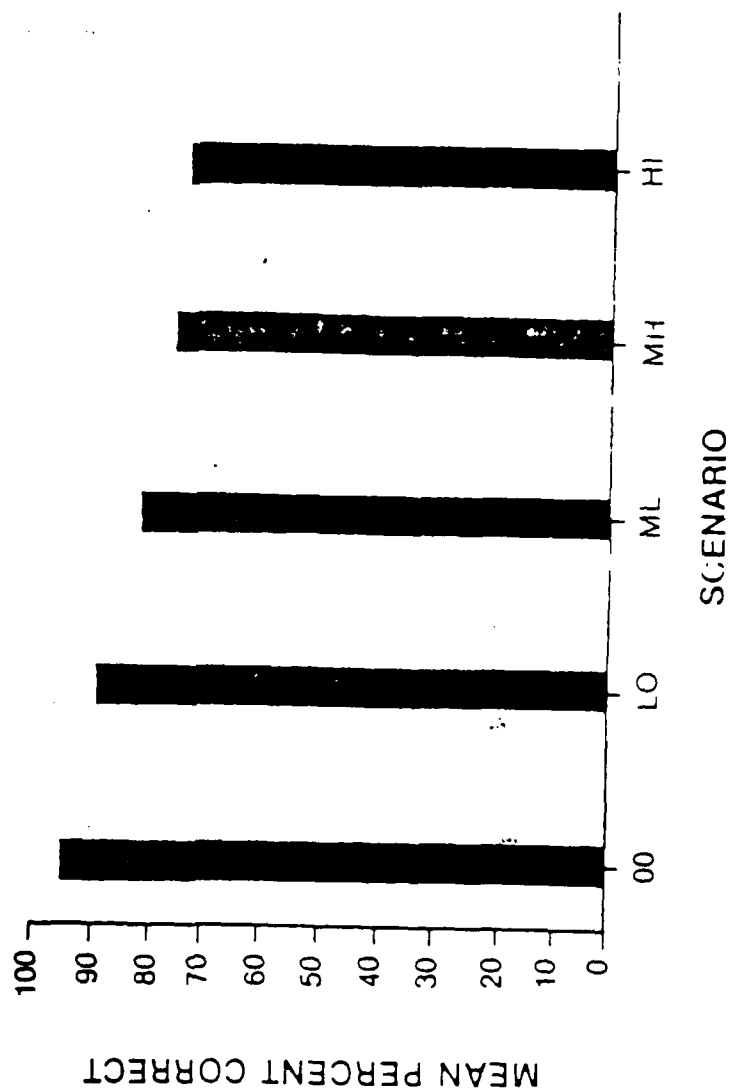


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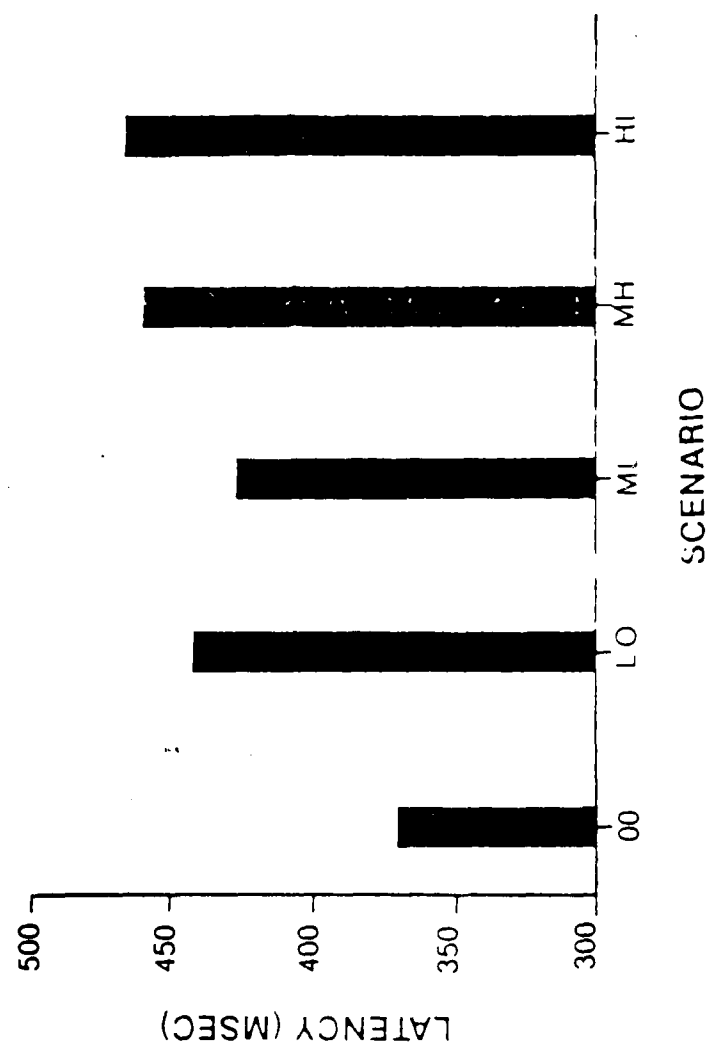
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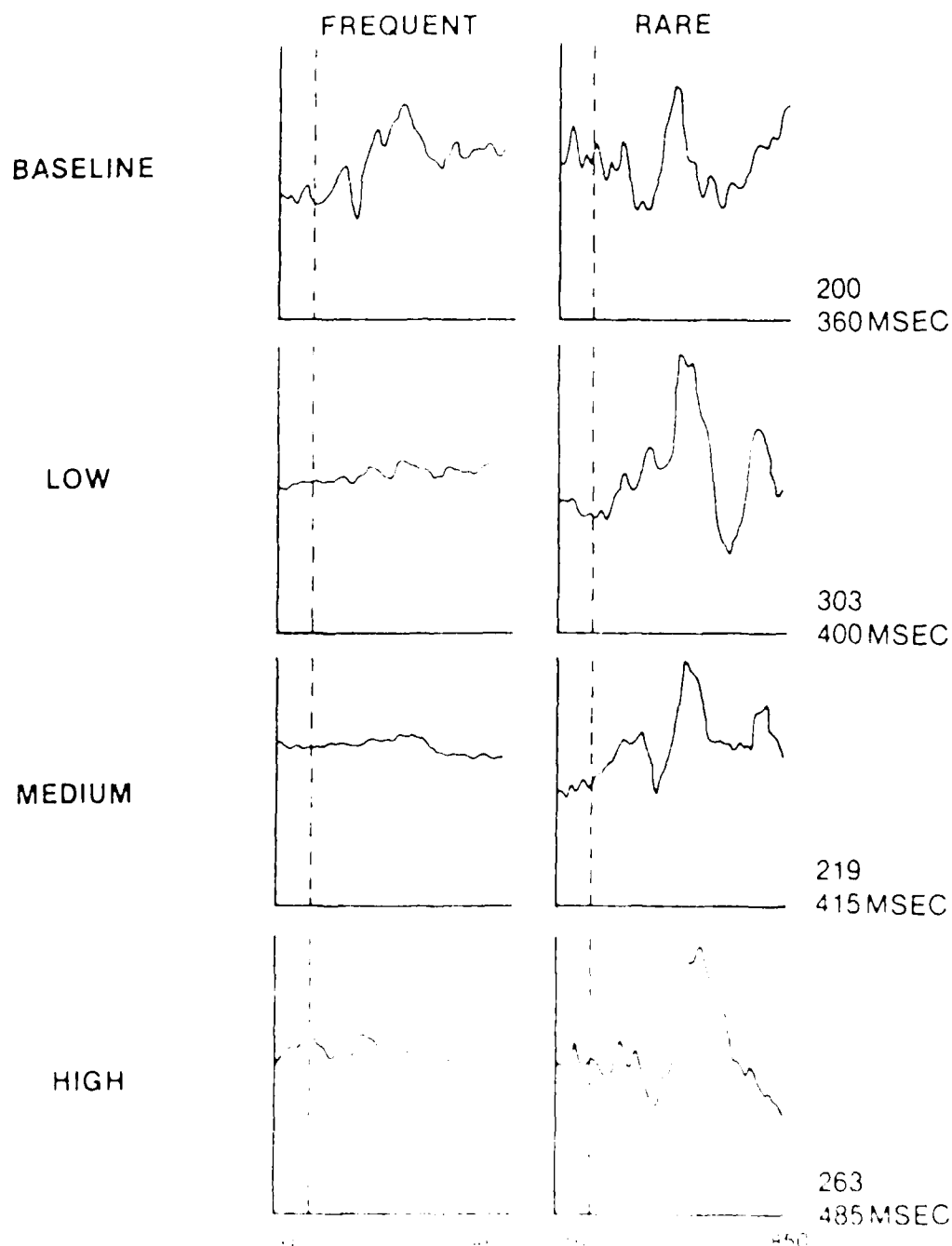


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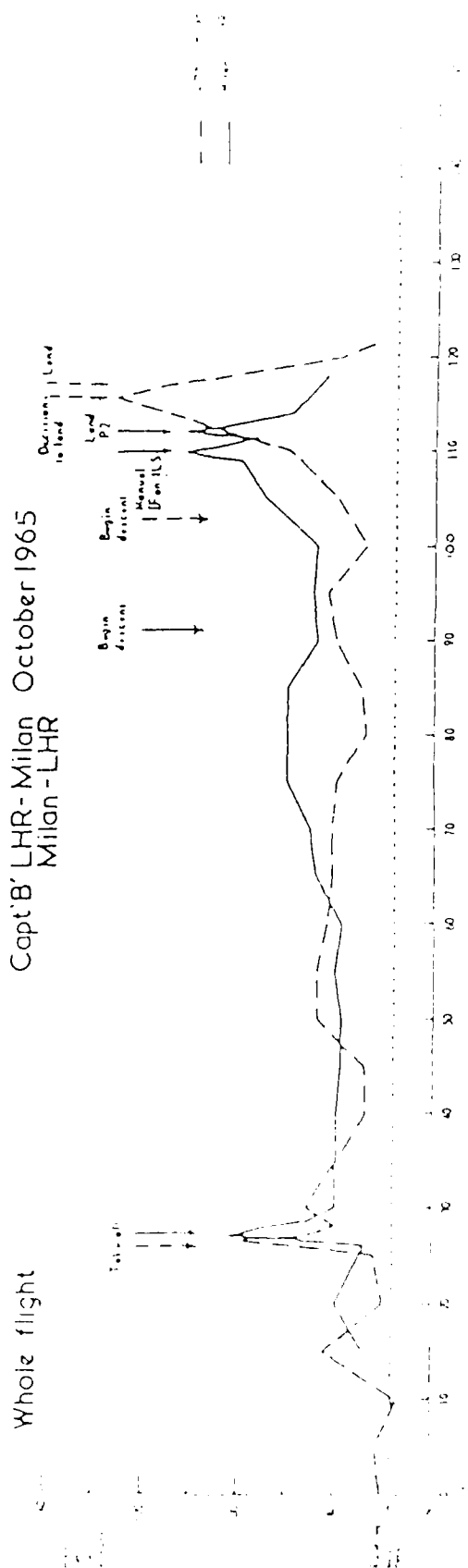
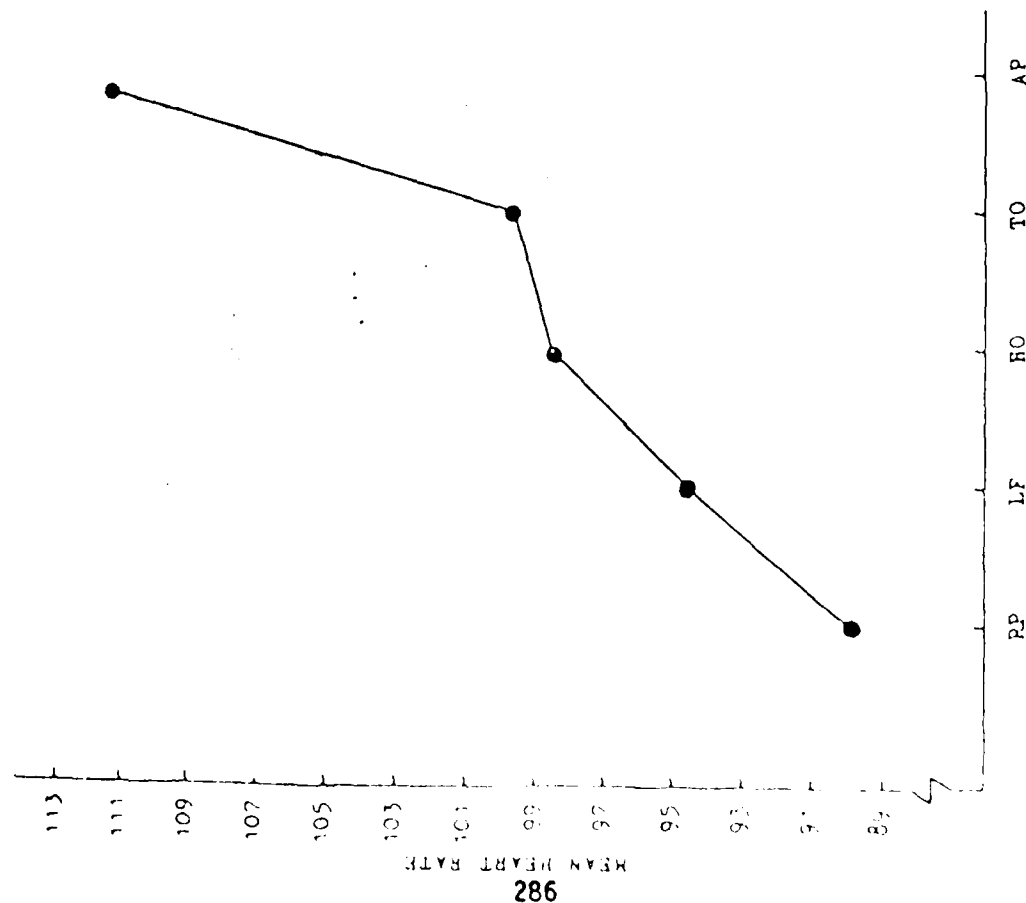


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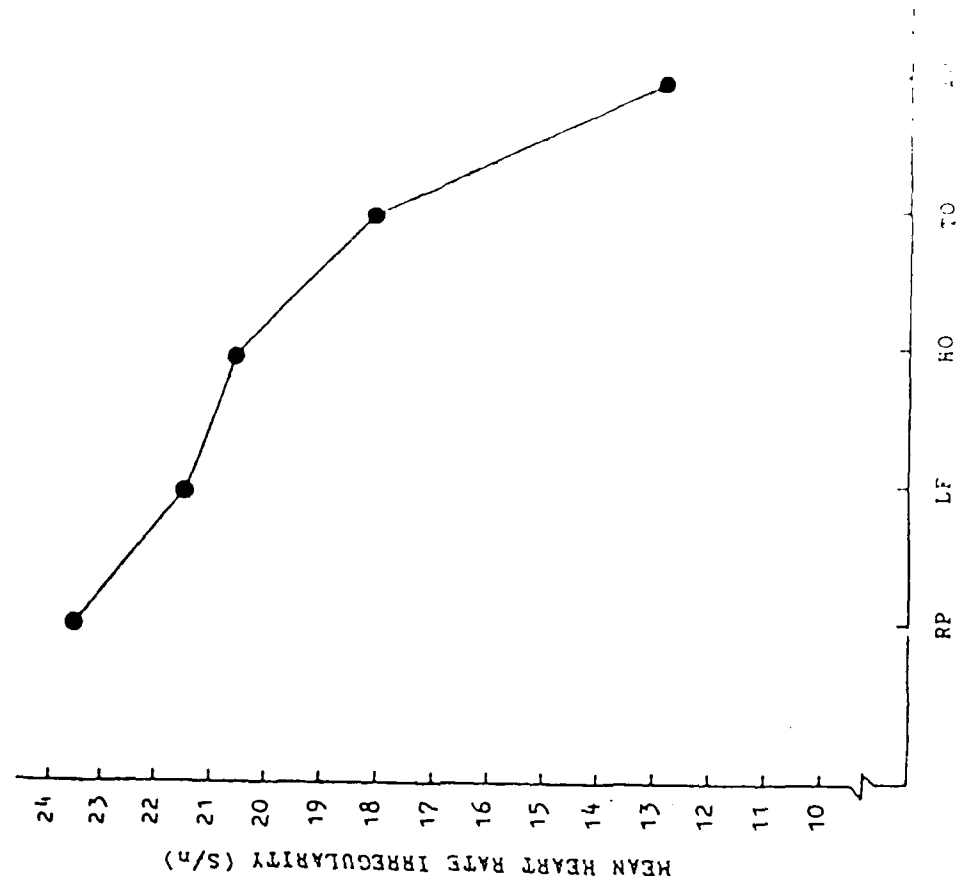


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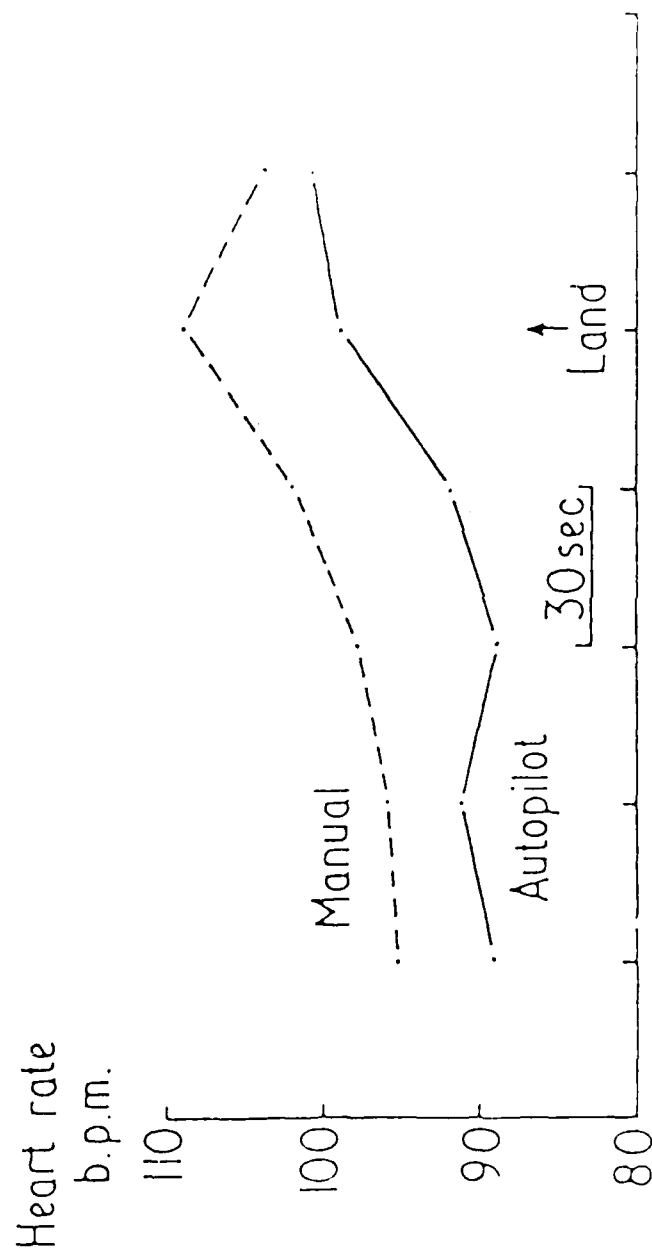


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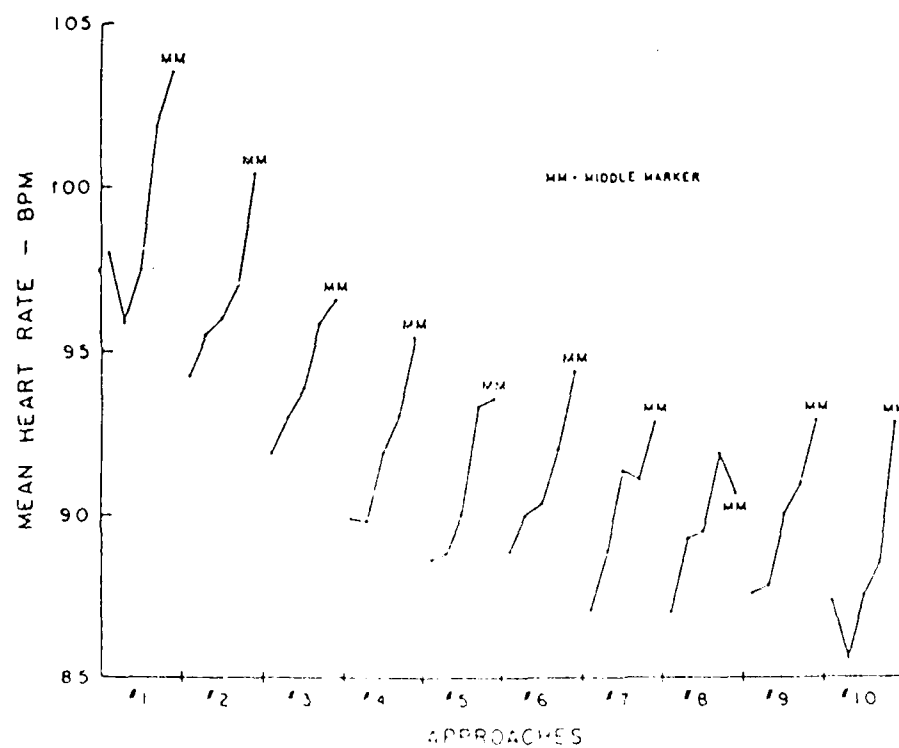
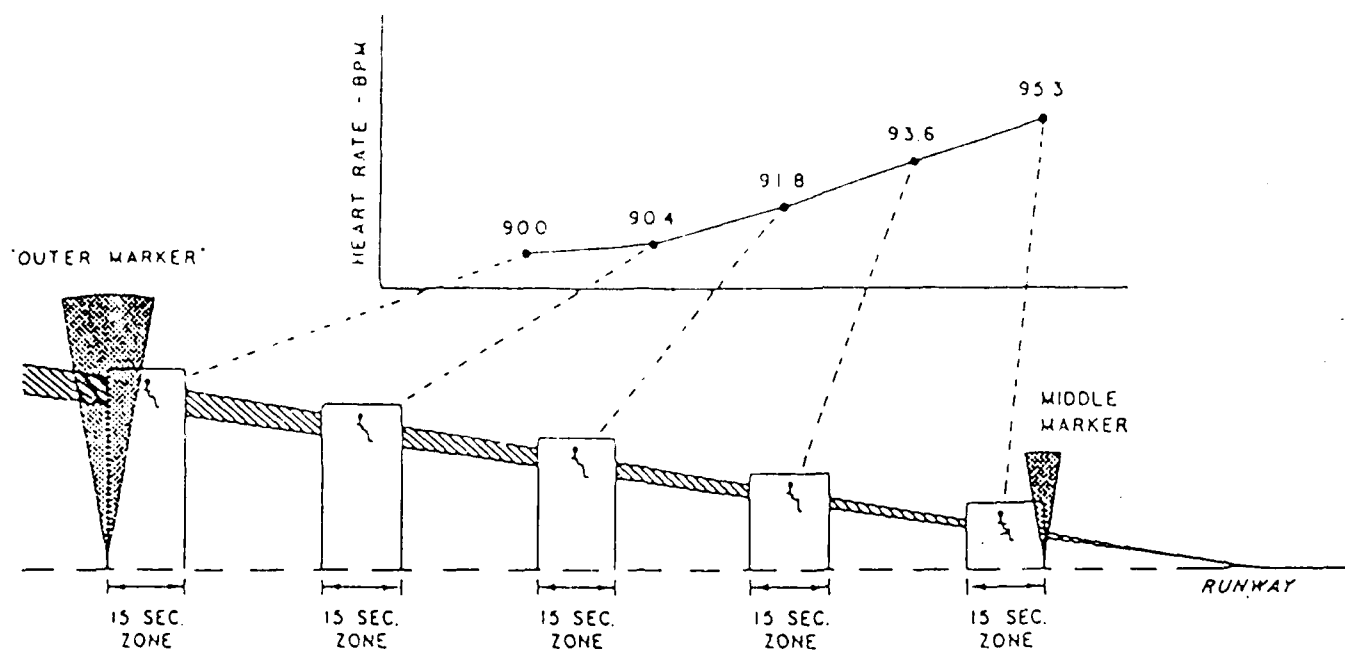


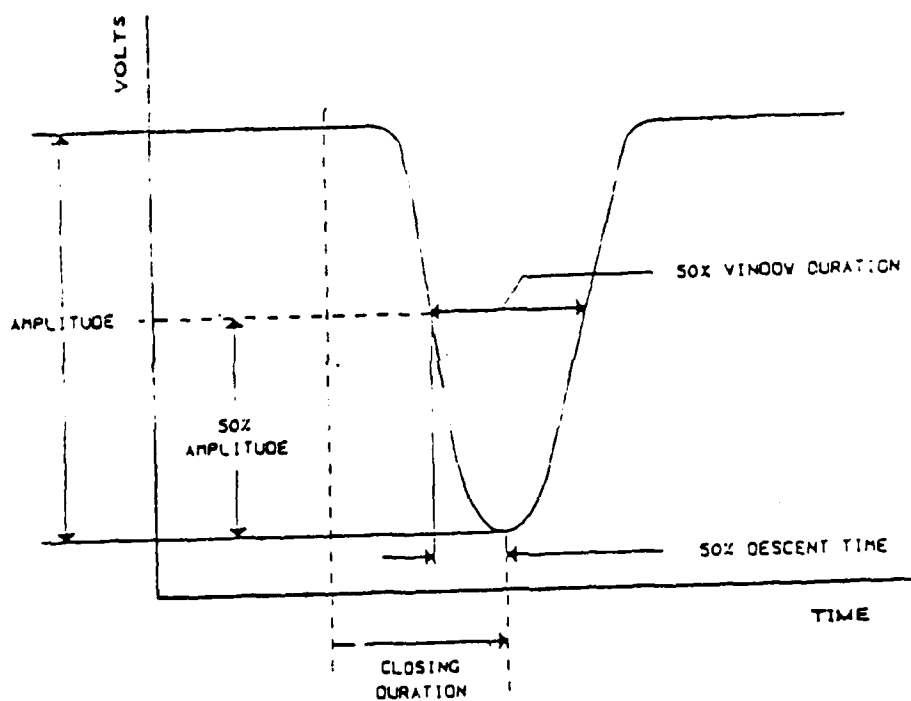
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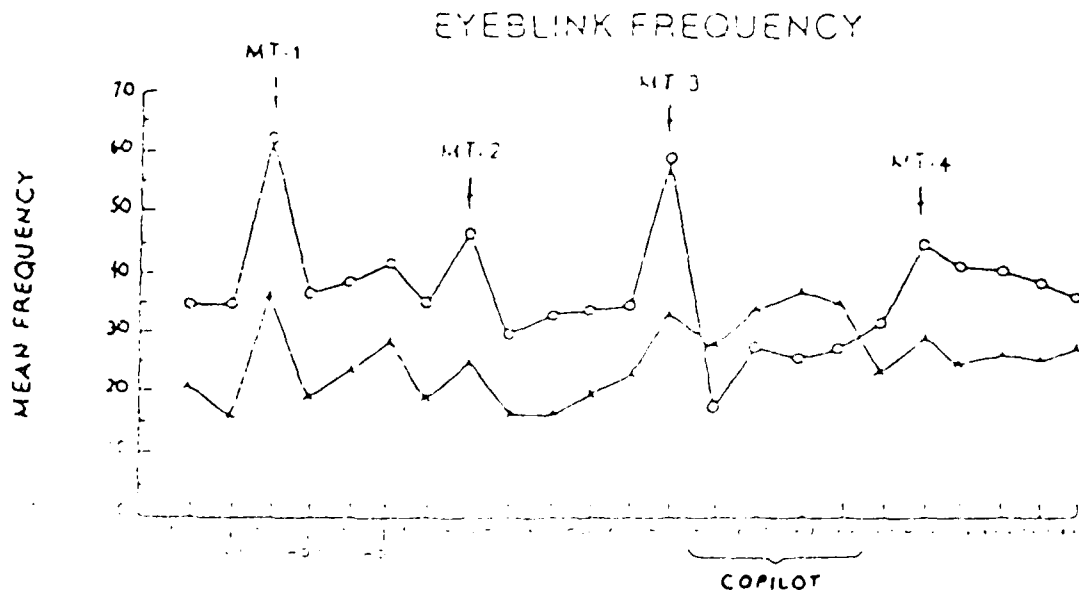
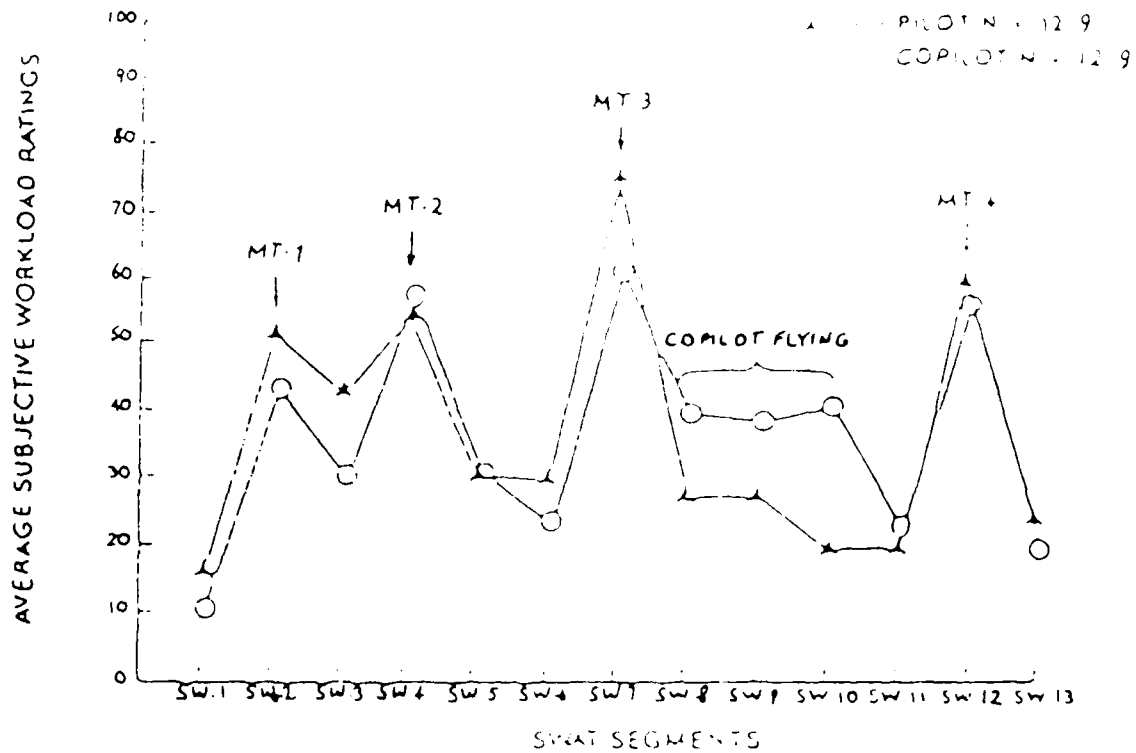


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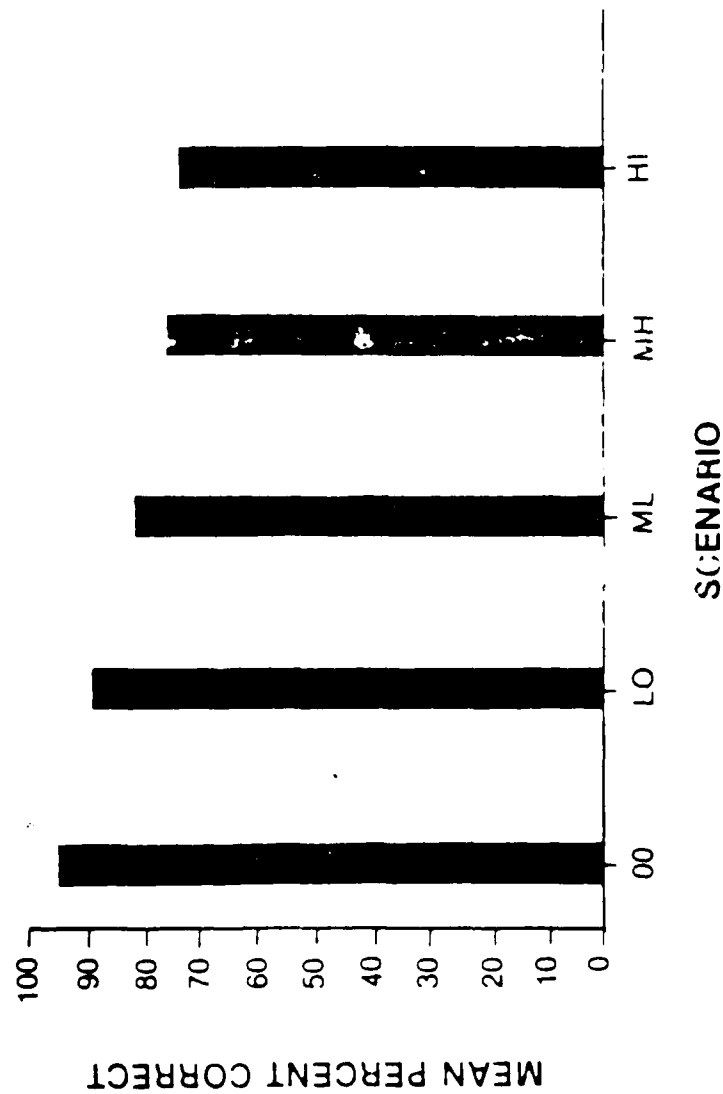
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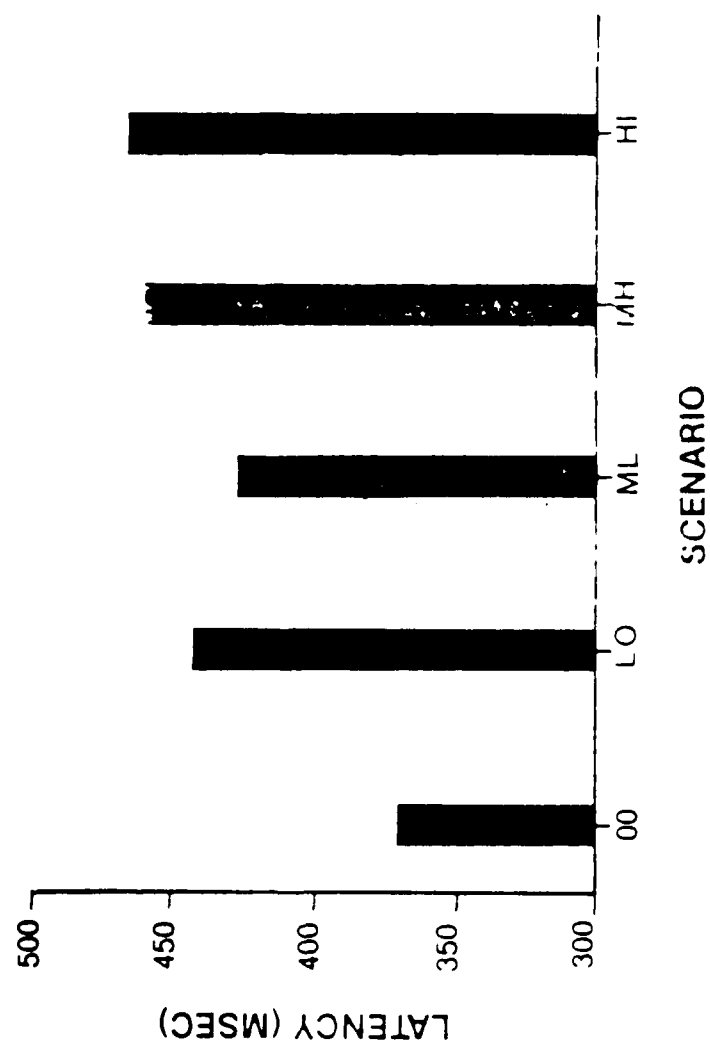
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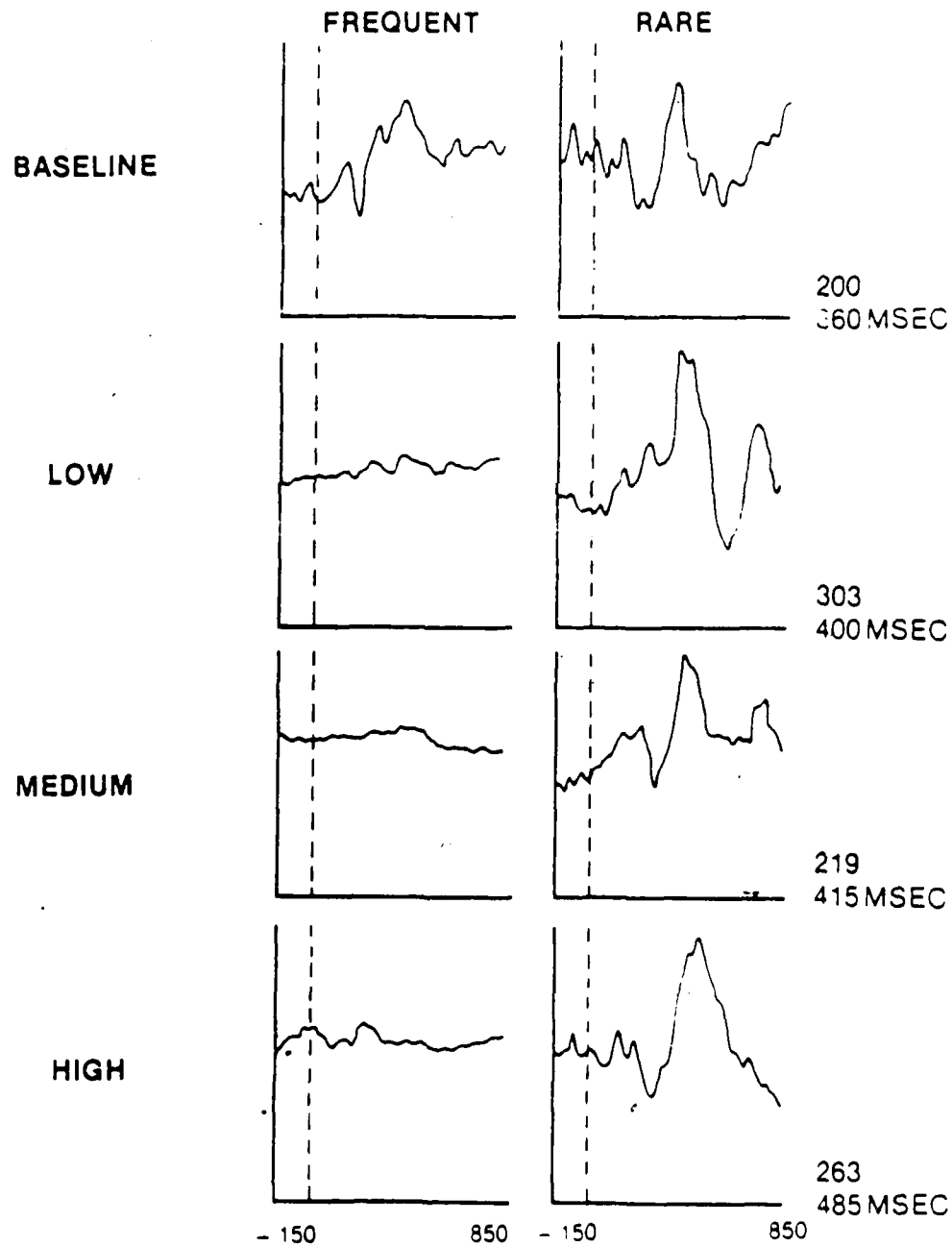




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WITH MALFUNCTIONS AND EMERGENCIES**

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- **MENTAL DURATION**
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## **FACT MATRIX CONSTRUCTION**

**FAR 25 SCOPE LIMITED TO DEGREE AND DURATION  
OF MENTAL AND PHYSICAL EFFORT (FACTOR 4)**

**RELIABILITY AND VALIDITY REFERENCES CROSSED  
WITH MEASURES**

**MEASURES CATEGORIZED INTO PERFORMANCE,  
PHYSIOLOGICAL, AND SUBJECTIVE GROUPINGS**

**APPLICABILITY WEIGHTS ASSIGNED TO MEASURES  
BUT NOT CROSS-REFERENCED WITH ARTICLES**

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# **FACT MATRIX CONTENT**

**MEASUREMENT DATA WHICH HAS BEEN EMPIRICALLY  
RELATED TO WORKLOAD**

**MEASUREMENT DATA CONTENT WHICH CAN BE EMPIRICALLY  
RELATED TO RELIABILITY AND VALIDITY**

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## **EMPIRICAL DATA CRITERIA**

**CRITERIA: MEASUREMENT DATA MUST BE STRUCTURED TO ADDRESS WORKLOAD PUBLICLY, EITHER THROUGH DEMONSTRATION OF METHOD OR THROUGH TEST OF HYPOTHESES**

- **MEASUREMENT DATA CLASSES:**
  - **CASE STUDIES (TIMELINE ANALYSIS, CERTIFICATION PROTOCOLS, ETC.)**
  - **EXPERIMENTS (ACTUAL FLIGHT, SIMULATIONS, APPLIED LAB, BASIC LAB)**

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# **WORKLOAD CRITERIA**

## **CRITERIA:**

**METHODOLOGY MUST TREAT WORKLOAD MEASUREMENT AS EITHER A PRIMARY OR SECONDARY TASK. IN GENERAL, THIS TREATMENT MUST BE EXPLICITLY STATED IN THE RESEARCH**

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## **RELIABILITY CRITERIA**

**CRITERIA: MATERIAL MUST EITHER ADDRESS RELIABILITY  
THROUGH HYPOTHESIS AND EXPLICIT  
STATISTICAL EVALUATION**

**OR**

**DEMONSTRATE RELIABILITY THROUGH REPEATED  
EXPERIMENTAL MANIPULATION WHICH SATISFIES  
ONE OF THE RELIABILITY CONTENT AREAS  
(INTER-RATER, ETC.)**

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## **VALIDITY CRITERIA**

**CRITERIA: RELATE EXPERIMENTAL HYPOTHESES AND/OR  
DATA TO WORKLOAD KNOWLEDGE BASE**

**OR**

**ADDRESS MEASUREMENT APPLICATION AND  
PERFORMANCE, RE: OTHER "ACCEPTABLE"  
WORKLOAD MEASURES**

**OR**

**TEST WORKLOAD DOMAIN HYPOTHESES  
AGAINST A THEORETICAL MODEL OF  
PERFORMANCE OR WORKLOAD**

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# **FACT MATRIX EVALUATION**

**REVIEW MATRICES FOR CONTENT COMPLETENESS**

**ANALYZE CURRENT CONTENT FOR CORRECTNESS**

**SUBMIT ADDITIONAL CONTENT FOR INCLUSION**



# **FACT MATRIX COMPLETENESS**

**REVIEW COMPLETENESS OF RELIABILITY/  
VALIDITY DEFINITIONS**

**REVIEW MATRIX CONTENT BY MEASURE TO ASSURE  
ALL ARTICLES WHICH ADDRESS RELIABILITY AND  
VALIDITY OF MEASURE ARE INCLUDED**

**JUSTIFY INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL ARTICLES  
IN WRITING**

**GATHER ADDITIONAL ARTICLES WHICH HAVE BEEN  
JUSTIFIED FOR FACT MATRIX INCORPORATION**

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## **FACT MATRIX CORRECTNESS**

**EVALUATE ARTICLES BY MEASURE TO ASSURE  
REFERENCES ARE APPROPRIATELY ASSIGNED**

**JUSTIFY, IN WRITING, ARTICLES WHICH ARE  
IMPROPERLY ASSIGNED**

**PREPARE LIST OF ARTICLES TO BE DELETED  
FROM FACT MATRIX**

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#### Subjective Group Meeting - 2/25/87

Synopsis: NASA TLX and SWAT were the measurement techniques recommended for use in the Part Task testing. There are enough references and data collections using these measures to demonstrate their validity and reliability. The Modified Cooper-Harper, a unidimensional scale, was discussed but not recommended as it gives a "number" but does not allow you to work backward to how the number was developed and thus, offers no diagnosticity.

#### Meeting Summary

Danny Gopher said the goal of the meeting was to come up with recommendations for workload assessment methodology in certification of aircraft. We must review the problem of certification as well as the process and identify key issues in certification where our methodology can help.

Del Fadden explained the Boeing certification process and showed the Pilot Subjective Evaluation (PSE) form that is used by Boeing during the certification program. In this program the pilot is asked to compare the new aircraft with a known reference aircraft. If a pilot says a task is more difficult, then he must discuss why it is more difficult.

Del pointed out that before certification, in simulation, most of the cockpit design work has been part task. A lot of design is done even before the simulator is available. An airplane evolves - other planes are used for reference.

Jean-Jacques Speyer said Airbus takes a unidimensional view. They ask for lots of ratings, actually take ratings continuously on line. He proposed that all ratings together give a microscopic evaluation as to what is going on. The Air Worthiness observer also gives a subjective rating. If the observer sees that the pilot has not made a rating at some particular time, he can ask the pilot to give ratings at that point. (Instrument set up - observer gives crew member a light and pilot is invited to give a rating at that time). Ratings are not pass-fail, ratings are given on an absolute scale.

Group discussion followed on the two techniques. In summation, Boeings' method is a comparative measure. Airbus uses an absolute technique. Boeing takes pilot ratings post flight. Airbus takes ratings in-flight and at the end of the flight pilots are given a long questionnaire - 150 questions.

Gopher said we must define the problem. Why are subjective ratings important? What does pilot feel about the task he must perform? Is he comfortable with it? All participants

agree that they use pilot subjective opinion in one form or another. Garner felt it would be useful if we could standardize and use the same scale in all nations so we can learn from each other.

In the discussion that followed on standardization the following points were made:

1. We need experienced pilots to make judgements.
2. We need to have some comparative point of reference.
3. Ratings should be made under some specified optimum conditions.
4. Raters must be trained to rate.
5. Everyone must agree on the dimensions and terms of workload so results will be communicable.

The point was made that if the same method was used in design and certification, then there would be no surprises, although the method would be used in certification in a more limited sense. Del Fadden pointed out that this is not always possible, for example, for the design of much of the 7J7 there is no reference airplane.

Danny Gophers opinion on selection of rating scales is to use NASA TLX and SWAT. He said they are the most viable and best documented. He said the Modified Cooper-Harper is "dead", not being used and is based on old research. He would like to see both NASA TLX and SWAT used, at least to start.

#### Modified Cooper Harper

Sandy Hart looked at the Modified Cooper-Harper when she began to develop a scale. In this scale the raters move through a series of decisions, these decisions determine whether the rater ends up at the top, middle, or bottom of the scale. You can't take the final number and work backwards to determine how the number was developed. NASA wanted a diagnostic scale that would allow them to work backwards.

#### NASA TLX

Subjects were asked to give their definition of workload before they started the tests to reduce intersubject variability. During the tests subjects were asked what they felt caused the primary source of workload, then that task was given more weight. This works well for simple tasks, but weights don't have as much effect in complex tasks. It was felt that weights should be used for both simple and complex tasks, however.

It was pointed out that the FAA is interested in the 6 basic workload functions listed in the FARs so perhaps a scale

should be developed to evaluate these 6 functions. These functions are; flight path control, collision avoidance, navigation, communication, operation and monitoring of aircraft engines and systems, and command decisions. It was suggested that the IAA could be asked to weight these functions so the manufacturers would have a standard to work against.

#### SWAT

Gary Reid said he and his colleagues did not set out to develop a subjective scale. They were asked as workload experts how to measure workload.

They started out with the Simpson-Sheridan scale. The disadvantage of this scale is that it takes a lot of training to properly use its decision tree rating scale. Next they then took a three dimensional scale, regressions approach, looking for the smallest set of dimensions that would tell them the most. They were driven by practical considerations such as cost. For example, is increased sensitivity worth the cost? This scale fits their needs. They can gather ratings with some diagnosticity. In their ratings, they feel that if they hadn't had observers, they couldn't tell why workload is higher in some instances.

SWAT covers 4 of the 6 functions listed in the FARs. Performance and physical demand are not covered. Gary said that if they need performance they measure it. Measuring mental workload is important. Physical is not as important as it once was.

Discussion followed on the importance of getting down to a "one number" assessment, is the extra effort to get there really necessary? It was felt by some "one number" provides structure and information and is a valuable adjunct to what is going on.

Danny Gopher said that the charge of the subjective group was to evaluate measures for use in the simulation study. It has been concluded that it is important to use subjective measures. He reiterated that all manufacturers use subjective measures in one form or another. This group strongly recommends the use of subjective measures. It is reasonable and advisable to find a systematic way to elicit these opinions. He feels that standardization is one approach. How to get the information from the pilots is the question?

Both NASA TLX and SWAT give global assessments of tasks as a whole. There are enough references and data collections using them to provide valid and reliable results. The Airbus on-line measurement model is different because one must design situations so a single number will be meaningful

and one must have many such numbers. It is a costly and demanding process and is not well documented. Gopher would like Airbus to try NASA TLX and SWAT along with their method to see if the methods agree.

Discussion followed on the importance of using both NASA TLX and SWAT. The following points were made;

1. The way in which you communicate with the pilot is different.
2. There are differences in the weighting systems of the two scales.
3. It is important to generate more than just a single measure of workload.

The concept was discussed that assessment is a package, not a scale. Raters must be qualified and pilots must be trained. NASA TLX and SWAT are both used by in flight, as often as possible. Ratings are taken as soon as possible. Both Sandy Hart and Gary Reid stated that if data is collected in flight, they are more comfortable with it. Results of tests, however, do not back up feelings that in-flight measurement is better. Gopher felt that if we can get data post-flight with no change in results, that would be an important finding.

Much discussion followed on what number is good enough. Should some subjective measures be taken in-flight and some post-flight? If the measures are taken in-flight, are they intrusive? It was the feeling of the group that measures don't always have to be intrusive, for example, after landing you can gather ratings on outer, middle, inner marker and landing.

Danny Gopher said he would summarize the subjective group meeting results in the general meeting for 15 minutes, then allow Sandy Hart and Gary Reid to give summaries since they don't agree with Danny on many points. Sandy and Gary said they gave their presentations yesterday. Sandy stated that Gophers opinion does not accurately reflect that of the group.

## MINUTES

### Performance Group Meeting - 2/25/87

#### Summary -

The performance group discussed the cost of measuring workload for behavioral, physiological, and subjective measures. Much support was given for including a Sternberg Task in the simulation test battery.

Several valid and reliable measures and implementation requirements were agreed upon. The measures suggested were: Sternberg task, critical tracking, choice reaction time, mental arithmetic, and embedded communication.

#### The Cost of Measuring Workload -

Performance measures (procedural errors): Measure impairments to performance.

Physiological measures: Measure psychosomatic effects of stress and occupational diseases.

Subjective measures: Measure conscious experience, estimate the ability to cope with goals and achieve criteria, and are sensitive to one general "work of intentions". This influences performance on the very general level. The costs or possible effects of subjective measures are that misjudgements may affect selection of goals and criteria, may affect motivation, may affect risk taking behavior.

#### Types of Certification -

The group established that certification varies depending on what organization is doing the certification.

British: Look at the relationship between subjective, physiological, and behavioral. A study by Jean Jacques Speyer was mentioned testing the possibility of using control reversals during approach as a measure.

Boeing: Weather is a random event. A simulator can impose whatever weather desired. Certification uses a performance margin. Failures, weather, etcetra are added. Frequency of occurrence can be manipulated. Performance margin can be large or small. Uses traditional timeline analysis.

### Implementation Requirements for User Acceptance -

The group developed the following requirements to insure user acceptance:

- 1 - The measure must be non intrusive.
- 2 - The measure must conform to all safety standards.
- 3 - The tasks must be within the realm of "normal" methods.
- 4 - The measure must not lower crew self image.
- 5 - The measure must be non career threatening.

### Valid and Reliable Measures -

The group suggested and agreed upon the value of the following measures:

- 1 - Sternberg (auditory/visual) can be highly intrusive. Must make efforts to move toward "real" or "normal" tasks.
- 2 - Critical tracking (psychomotor) can be too complicated. This measure was considered of borderline acceptability but the group voted to keep it as it can be useful.
- 3 - Choice reaction time (visual).
- 4 - Mental arithmetic (auditory/visual) allows for much flexibility. Can be embedded and made "realistic" to piloting tasks.
- 5 - Embedded communications (auditory) "normal" secondary tasks.

### Problems and Considerations -

The group raised the following problems and considerations:

- 1 - There may be a problem with comparing a new craft's performance with a "reliable and safe" old craft's performance. The comparison will not always be reliable. New crafts are often too different from old crafts. This can yield misleading results.
- 2 - Must consider that the design stage implements engineering test pilots, the testing stage implements line pilots, and the certification stage implements engineering test pilots.
- 3 - Theory must guide implementation.
- 4 - Must consider the training on, and difficulty of, tasks (data vs. resource limit).
- 5 - Must consider fatigue from introducing the tasks in terms of adding energy expenditure to the crew especially at work underload.



### Sternberg Task as a Measure -

The group cited several workload measurement studies looking at handling, displays, and crew coordination aspects of flight. All studies used a Sternberg task.

1 - 1982, this study evaluated 2 HUD display formats. The measure used was a visual Sternberg task. Pilots flew ILS. While the experiment was in progress, the experimentors recorded several verbal responses such as whistling and short comments about the task.

2 - This study varied frequency of input during a terrain following flight director profile. An adaptive visual and auditory Sternberg task was used. A top level of error was preset. The study found that the visual Sternberg task discriminated between different levels of workload while the auditory did not.

3 - This study varied visual disorientation with a Malcom horizon. The measure used was a Sternberg letter presentation task. Results were mixed.

4 - Dunn, 1985, Helicopter Proceedings Conference. This study tested kenesthetic displays. Pilots "flew by the feel" of the instruments.

5 - This study tested a cross coupled instability tracking system. The measure used was a Sternberg variable pitch task where the instability level was varied.

After reviewing these studies, the group agreed the Sternberg task should be among the measures tested during simulation.

### Questions Raised by the Group -

1 - How to address user popularity? Aspects of a potential measure may appeal to large air line manufacturers, but not to small general aviation manufacturers or vice versa.

2 - How to assess dimensionality? What is being measured?

3 - How to address the demonstration of worst case? What are the probabilities?

4 - How to assess practicality? We must consider cost, degree of simulation, and flight testing.

5 - How to address methods? We must determine where, when and how they are relevant. We must decide whether or not to test the limits.

6 - How to tailor the measure to each situation in which it is used?

7 - How to do a comparison of techniques?

# Performance

- Certification Process
  - Phases

- Primary Task
  - Control Activities
  - Errors
    - Performance Margin

## Secondary Tasks

Part Task      Simulator      Flight Test →

- Sternberg (Auditory, visual)
- Choice Reaction Time
- Mental Arithmetic
- Critical Tracking...
- Embedded (communication)

Caveats:

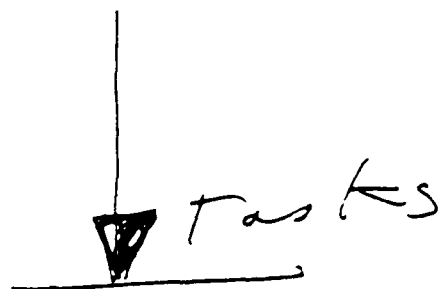
- Theory in task application
- Crew vs individual

## Notes

- Background
  - certification process - phases
- Primary Task
  - control activities (reversals)
  - errors (procedural wrt system failures)
  - Performance Margin - Total perf, failure etc prob that would
- Secondary Tasks

Part Task — Simulator — Flight Test

STERNBERG - Call Sign\* example



Implementation  
fidelity

CAUTIONS :

- Theory in application of tasks [methodology]
- Crew vs Individual

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USAF/FAA REVIEW OF WORKLOAD MEASUREMENT METHODS

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## Recommendation for immediate implementation

### 1.0 Constraints

- 1.1 Measure must be usable in aircraft cockpit and simulator.
- 1.2 Measurement procedure must not impose secondary task performance requirements on subject.

### 2.0 Recommended measures

- 2.1 Heart rate and heart rate variability (HR).
- 2.2 EOG: eye blink and eye movements.
- 2.3 Perhaps aural canal temperature.

### 3.0 Rationale for choice of measures

#### 3.1 HR and HR variability

Reports by Mulder and Moray dealing with HR variability as measure of mental effort and comments by Alan Roscoe concerning HR.

##### 3.1.1 HR variability as defined by Mulder

- Abstracts interbeat interval (IBI) for fixed number of IBI's (IBI accurate to  $\pm 5$  msec). Moray uses 256 to compute.
- Conduct Lagrange interpolation for every 500 msec.
- Autocorrelate these equidistant values with maximum lag of 10% of computed values.
- Fourier transform autocorrelation functions.
- Smooth raw spectral densities with Hamming window.
- Derive power of five spectral points (.06, .08, .10, .12, .14 Hz).
- Derive natural log of power of the five points.
- Activity in .06-.14 Hz is sensitive to "mental effort" manipulation. Greater energy reflects relaxation, lower energy mental effort.

### 3.1.2 Comments about procedure from principal advocate(s)

- Morey reported that a variant of this procedure is currently in use in his laboratory and works to index mental work load in a variety of situations. He also reported that although he used the Mulder algorithm, he could not replicate Mulder results in earlier investigations. The cause of this inability to replicate is a mystery. Other researchers have experienced and reported the negative results.
- Alan Roscoe reviewed the utility of HR as a measure of "arousal," "attention," or "alertness." This measure should be useful in long duration flights. In the present context (30 minute flights), it may not hold much promise, although one would expect that the two failure conditions may well be associated with immediate increases in HR. What will be difficult to determine is whether such increases are associated with the psychological threat produced by the equipment failure or an increase in motor activity associated with dealing with the problem.

In any case, HR variability cannot be measured without acquiring HR information, therefore, HR remains as a measure in our proposed "battery."

### 3.1.3 Potential problem with respect to part-task simulation run as described.

- Some of the segments are only 1 or 1.5 min in duration. This may be too short a time period to obtain reliable spectral information.

### 3.1.4 Solutions

- Don't analyze data for segments less than two minutes (or 250 seconds) with Mulder procedure.
- Combine data from equal work load segments?
- Sample data for longer periods, if at all possible.
- Await Moray's "on line" filter technique to analyze data.
- Try  $\hat{v}$  technique for Vagal tone - Porges Black box.

### 3.1.5 The recording of heart rate or period poses no major problem. Such measures have been successfully recorded both in the simulator and under flight conditions.

### 3.2 EOG - Eye blink and eye movements

- Recommendations based on results of AAMRL/HEG (Wilson), USAFSAM/VNE (Miller), and WUBRL/MBMHC (Stern). Measure has been used in laboratory and simulator, and is currently being used for in-flight monitoring (AAMRL).

#### 3.2.1 Blink measures utilized

- Blink rate obtained results: differences in rate between pilot in command of aircraft and second in command.
- Increase in blink rate as a function of time-on-task have been demonstrated in a variety of conditions.
- Inhibition of blinking is related to visual task difficulty.
- Blink amplitude: not very discriminating for effort at hand. USAFSAM data on smaller amplitude blinks being associated with poorer performance (probably function of partial lid closure as sleep deprived subjects perform long duration (4 1/2 hours) in simulator (Morris data).
- Blink closing and/or closure duration (50% window): Closing duration is defined as time from blink initiation to peak closure. Closure duration is defined as time between the blink entering a window defined by half amplitude of blink and exiting that window. Closure duration has been shown to be sensitive to visual task demands (work load), with shorter closure duration blinks associated with more demanding tasks (demonstrated in laboratory and simulation settings).

#### 3.2.2 Comments about procedures from principal advocates (Wilson, Stern)

- Data can be collected in simulator and in flight. Appears to be sensitive to the type of work load manipulations proposed in McDonnell-Douglas/Boeing joint effort.

#### 3.2.3 Potential problems

- Duration over which data is sampled for various work load levels is at the lower end of acceptability. One minute of data is too short to produce reliable rate data; may be acceptable for other blink measures.



- Since eye position information will be advocated as a promising measure for future implementation, I (not the working group) would like to recommend the recording of horizontal eye movement utilizing EOG procedures. If, as suggested by Meray, alterations in dwell time on particular instruments may index visual information abstraction inefficiencies, then fixation pause durations as evaluated with EOG may provide a reasonable (and inexpensive) way of obtaining such (or similar) information.

### 3.3 Intra-aural temperature

- Recommendation based on comments by Peter Hancock. He has been using this measure at NASA-Ames in their simulators.
- Possible measures advocated were: absolute temperature and temperature change measured from one ear; and of differential temperature between the ears.

#### 3.3.1 Comments from principal advocate

- The measure reflects brain (perhaps hypothalamic) temperature. To the extent that metabolic "need" produces enhanced blood flow in the brain, this technique allows for the evaluation of such changes in metabolic activity.
- It is information that is inexpensively acquired, and Hancock will make his device available to the project.

#### 3.3.2 Comments from panel participants

- We did not have available relevant resource material to evaluate the claims by Hancock. He will provide Douglas with reprints relevant to the use of this procedure in the evaluation of work load.
- There were comments about technological problems such as positioning of sensor so that it picked up tympanic membrane temperature rather than skin temperature.
- Technical problems associated with the headset worn by the pilot.

#### 3.3.3 Potential problems

- Some are listed above.
- The panel was not strong in its endorsement of this measure because of lack of information available to us concerning its use in workload assessment in general and flight simulation in particular.

#### 4.0 Recommendations for the NEAR future: Measures recommended for consideration

##### 4.1 Event related brain potentials (ERFs)

##### 4.2 Eye: point-of-regard information

##### 4.3 Voice analysis

#### Rationale for choice of measures

##### 4.1.1 Event related potentials (Principal proponents - Kramer, Stern)

- The University of Illinois Cognitive Psychophysiology laboratory, in conjunction with aviation psychology (Wickens), has extensive experience with the use of this technology to evaluate aspects of work load as well as cognition. The University of Illinois investigators have focused on the use of ERPs to both primary (embedded) and secondary task stimuli, while the Washington University effort has begun to investigate the use of "irrelevant probe stimuli." All three appear to be promising, with respect to simulator applications and the embedded and probe stimuli procedures should be usable in flight environments.
- The use of embedded signals (embedded signals are part of the primary task) for the triggering of ERPs was recommended as an alternative to using secondary tasks. Other suggestions involved the use of "irrelevant" probe stimuli to elicit ERPs and the use of subject produced "responses," such as saccadic eye movements, to trigger the averaging process.
- A fall-out from recording ERPs is the EEG. Spectral analysis of this data was suggested as another window to capture levels of arousal or alertness (the other window being HR). Since alertness should not be a problem in the proposed simulation, this idea was not explored further.
- The technology for recording EEG (including ERPs) in simulators and in-flight is available and being used (ERPs - University of Illinois, Kramer; AAMRL/HEG, Wilson and EEG in flight recording, B. Sterman, centrifuge USAFSAM/Lewis). ERPs have been demonstrated to be sensitive to task demand or work load effects.

##### 4.1.2 Problems

- Signal/noise ratio: Signal of interest is frequently degraded and lost during flight and simulation conditions.

#### 4.1.3 Solutions

- Solutions, such as special electrodes, amplifying the signal at the source; and development of filtering procedures for signal "sensitizing," are in reasonably advanced stages of development.

#### 4.2 Eye point-of-regard - Principal proponent - Moray.

- There is considerable literature demonstrating the utility of this technique in flight simulation (this material is available in the bibliography provided). Moray suggested, as an example, applying this technique to work load assessment, that dwell time on instruments is generally in the nature of 500 msec. If the eye returns to the same instrument frequently (i.e., average dwell time is decreased), it might suggest that the person's ability to retain information abstracted in short term memory is impaired. This might be considered an indicant of high work load.
- With respect to using the technique in flight, Moray expressed optimism about the possibility of developing the necessary instrumentation to record eye position information under such conditions. However, such instrumentation is not currently available.

#### 4.3 Voice analysis (Principal proponent - Walrath)

- Little comment, other than that it might be a useful procedure for the future. There was some discussion about its utility to evaluate "stress," but few comments relevant to how it might be used to evaluate aspects of work load. Several articles describing laboratory validation were entered in the reference data base. Current work, sponsored by NASA/Langley will be monitored. Since pilots engage in voice communication, using voice output would be the least intrusive measure of all those sampled by us.

#### 5.0 What physiological measures contribute to the assessment of work load.

- 5.1 They provide some measures that cannot otherwise be obtained (unless one can impose secondary tasks), measures that will be most useful in the evaluation of conditions involving underload of the operator. The states of concern mentioned include "arousal," "alertness," "attention," "daydreaming," "drowsiness," and "microsleep," to mention but a few.
- 5.2 They provide information about moment-to-moment changes in the operator, rather than average values (averaged over time). Thus, points (or narrow windows) of "momentary" overload can be identified.

- 5.3 They are unobtrusive and objective.
- 5.4 They should be used to complement other measures. As amply demonstrated during the general presentations and discussions, subjective, performance, and physiological measures are far from perfectly correlated with each other. They, therefore, provide complementary (not competitive) bits of information to those concerned with the evaluation of mental work load.
- 5.5 They have the potential for allowing us to discriminate between "controlled" and "automatic" information processing by the operator.

## 6.0 Sensitivity

The issue of sensitivity of physiological measures to graded changes in (or levels of) workload was not discussed. Our discussion focused principally on looking for differences between resting and "load" conditions. The literature, at best, has attempted to discriminate between three levels of work load (low, medium, and high).

A number of reasons (rationalizations) can be used to account for the relative lack of effort in this important area. The first is our difficulty in establishing a metric, other than an ordinal one, for defining work load levels. The second is the lack of a substantial data base relating physiological measures to work load that unequivocally demonstrates the utility of such a measure for work load assessment. The field is still young!

A third is the hope that physiological measures will provide the metric for defining work load levels with greater precision than currently possible. We should point out that our definition of "work load" may be radically different from that of the Human Factors Engineer. It is our suspicion that their preferred definition deals principally with the load imposed on an operator by a given configuration of hardware. Our preferred definition is in terms of the impact of the imposed load on an operator. Thus, the point in the information processing chain that is sampled by those who attempt to define work load on the basis of what is imposed on the operator is different from those who focus on the impact of the imposed load on aspects of operator performance. In our case, the performance measure is the output from one or more physiological systems.

## 7.0 Warning comments

- 7.1 At the current stage of development, those enlisted to collect physiological data must be trained: to discriminate signal from noise; in the proper application of electrodes; and in appropriate signal conditioning procedures (amplification, filtering, etc ).

- 7.2 Environments in which bio-electric data is to be collected have to be "sanitized," i.e., sources of electrical artifact have to be shielded, equipment properly grounded, etc.. This may require the services of a biomedical engineer.
- 7.3 Data reduction is, at best, a semi-automatic process.
- 7.4 Data collection and reduction is a relatively costly procedure, when compared to paper and pencil tests or recording the outputs from "manipulanda" or in-flight equipment.

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SMF - SFO (HI)	SFO - SCK (LO)	SFO - SCK (HI)	SMF - SFO (LO)
SFO - SCK (LO)	SMF - SFO (HI)	SMF - SFO (LO)	SFO - SCK (HI)

3a    5,13                      6,14                      7,15,19                      8,16,20  
 .....

# MEASUREMENT WINDOWS

FLIGHT PHASE	OPEN MEASUREMENT WINDOW	CLOSE MEASUREMENT WINDOW
• Takeoff:	EPR .GT. 1.50	FLAPS 5
• Climb:	FLAPS UP	1:00 (One minute later)
• Cruise 1:	10,000 ft	2:00 (Two minutes later)
• Cruise 2:	3 minutes after 10,000 ft	2:30 (Two and a half minutes later)
• Descent:	Throttles to Idle	5,500 ft
• Approach:	Localizer activation	Outer Marker
• Touchdown:	Middle marker	1:30 (One and a half minutes later)

5 2.5 \*SEES ALTITUDE ALERT LIGHT ILLUMINATE.  
 5 \*HEARS ENGINE SLUGG NOISES.  
 4 9(8a) \*HEARS F/E, "NO. 3 ENGINE IS SURGING."  
 5 9(2) 9(5) \*NOTES #3 EPR, N1 AND N2 FLUCTUATING.  
 5 9(2) 9(5) \*NOTES #3 EGT RISING.  
 4.6 9(3) 9(5) 9(8a) \*CAPT TELLS F/O, "BRING #3 TO IDLE."  
 1.5 9(1) 9(2) \*CAPT TRIMS RUDDER AND STABILIZER. NOTES F/O \*  
 5 9(5) BRINGING #3 THROTTLE TO IDLE. \*  
 4 9(8a) \*HEARS F/E, "#3 IS STILL SURGING. WE APPEAR TO  
 BE GETTING COMPRESSOR STALLS."  
 4.6 9(2) 9(5) \*CAPT CALLS, "ROGER, LET'S SHUT IT DOWN. ENGINE  
 SHUTDOWN CHECKLIST."  
 1.6 9(1) 9(2) 9(3) \*CAPT ADDS POWER, TRIMS RUDDER AND STABILIZER.  
 1 / 9(1) \*CAPTAIN ADDS LEFT RUDDER  
 00:09:20 ENGINE FAILURE/SHUTDOWN CHECKLIST.

4.5 7 9(8a) \*HEARS F/E, "ESSENTIAL POWER OPERATING GENERATOR."  
 4.5 7 9(8a) \*HEARS F/E, "THRUST LEVER -- CLOSED."  
 5 7 9(3) \*CAPT CLOSSES NO. 3 THRUST LEVER. CHECKS (WAS CLOSED) \*  
 4.5 7 9(8a) \*HEARS F/E, "START LEVER -- CUTOFF."  
 5 7 9(1) 9(2) \*CAPT PLACES START LEVER TO CUTOFF.  
 4.5 7 9(3) \*F/E SAYS, "CARGO OUTFLOW VALVE -- CLOSED."  
 4.5 7 9(8a) \*F/E SAYS, "GENERATOR SPEAKER LIGHT -- ON."  
 4.5 7 9(8a) \*F/E SAYS, "ELECTRICAL LOADS -- MONITOR."  
 4.5 7 9(8a) \*F/E SAYS, "ENGINE BLEED AIR SWITCH -- CLOSED."  
 4.5 7 9(8a) \*F/E SAYS, "WING AND ENGINE ANTI-ICE SWITCHES --  
 CLOSED."  
 4.5 7 9(8a) \*HEARS F/O RESPOND, "CLOSED."  
 4 9(3) 9(8a) \*HEARS F/E, "ENGINE SHUTDOWN CHECKLIST COMPLETE."

00:10:00 LEVEL OFF AT 11,000 FT AND CROSS RESAS INTERSECTION.

5 2.5 \*SEES ALTITUDE ALERT LIGHT EXTINGUISH.  
 4.6 9(3) 7 9(8a) \*TELLS F/E TO SET CRUISE THRUST FOR ENGINE  
 INCP CRUISE.  
 4 9(8a) \*HEARS F/E, "POWER SET."  
 1.6 9(1) 9(3) 7 \*CAPT TRIMS RUDDER AND STABILIZER FOR CRUISE.  
 4 9(3) 9(8a) \*HEARS F/E, "ONE GENERATOR INCP CHECKLIST  
 IS NOW COMPLETE."  
 4 9(3) 9(8a) \*CAPT ACKNOWLEDGES.  
 1.3.6 1.2.8b \*LEVELS AIRPLANE AT 11,000 FEET USING ADI,  
 ALTIMETER AND VERTICAL SPEED INDICATOR.  
 1.5.6 1.3 \*PLACES FD AND AUTOPILOT ALTITUDE HOLD SWITCH ON.  
 5.6 1.2.5 \*ACCELERATES TO 288 KNOTS. (2 ENGINE CRUISE)  
 4.6 3.8a \*CALLS, "LANDING LIGHTS OFF."  
 5.6 1.2.3 \*SETS AIRSPEED CURSOR TO 288 KNOTS.  
 5 2.5 \*OBSERVES APPROACHING DESIRED AIRSPEED.  
 2.6 1.2.3 \*SETS THRUST TO MAINTAIN DESIRED AIRSPEED.  
 3.5 2.8b \*OBSERVES DISTANCES TO MODESTO ON DME  
 INDICATOR.  
 3.5 2.8b \*OBSERVES 088 DEG COURSE INTERCEPT TO MODESTO  
 VCRTAC.  
 1.3.5.6 1.2.3.8b \*INITIATES RIGHT TURN ON HSI AS COURSE DEVIATION  
 INDICATOR APPROACHES CENTER.



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## FUNCTION

- |                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| 1. FLIGHT PATH   | 1  |
| 2. COLL. AVOID.  | 2  |
| 3. NAVIGATION    | 0  |
| 4. COMMUNICATION | 15 |
| 5. OP & MONITOR  | 3  |
| 6. COMMAND DEC.  | 2  |

**F A C T O R**

- |                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| 1. CONTROLS                   | 0  |
| 2. DISPLAYS                   | 0  |
| 3. PROCEDURE                  | 1  |
| 4. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX |    |
| 5. MONITOR                    | 0  |
| 6A. COMMUNIC.                 | 2  |
| 6B. NAVIGATE                  | 0  |
| 7. AUTO                       | 13 |

NON-NORMALS

- |                 |    |    |
|-----------------|----|----|
| 9(1) NN CONTROL | 11 | 3  |
| 9(2) NN DISPLAY |    | 0  |
| 9(3) NN PROCD.  | 11 | 6  |
| 9(5) NN MONIT.  |    | 0  |
| 9(8A) NN COMM.  | 11 | 13 |
| 9(8B) NN NAV.   |    | 0  |

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# T A S K L O A D I N G

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 \* PHYSICAL / MENTAL \*  
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	L O W		H I G H	
	SFO-SCK	SMF-SFO	SFO-SCK	SMF-SFO
T/O	75 / 124	71 / 117	75 / 124	71 / 117
CLIMB	39 / 75	38 / 78	40 / 82 AUTOPILOT INOP	39 / 95
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## **EXPERIMENTAL      VARIABLES**

**4 FACTORS: 2 X 2 X 4 X 7 DESIGN**

**FACTOR ONE: WORKLOAD (2 levels)    LOW and HIGH**

**FACTOR TWO: ROUTE (2 levels) SFO - SCK    &    SMF - SFO**

**FACTOR THREE: FOUR POSSIBLE ORDERS    A, B, C, & D**

**FACTOR FOUR: MEASUREMENT EPOCH (TASK LOADINGS)    (7 levels)**

- 1) Takeoff
- 2) Climb
- 3) Cruise 1
- 4) Cruise 2
- 5) Descent
- 6) Approach
- 7) Landing

D A T A     A N A L Y S E S  
S E N S I T I V I T Y     A N A L Y S E S

CONTENT VALIDITY

2 X 7 ANOVA    Workload by Measurement Epoch    (TASK LOADINGS)

- o    Various Dependent Variables, one at a time
- o    MANOVA approach presupposes a battery of tests

Then a series of planned comparisons:

- Considerations: o    Maintain comparison-wise Type I error rate
- o    Select a test which is ROBUST to departures  
         from equal variances and unequal sample sizes

## DATA ANALYSES

### CONTENT VALIDITY

#### o SENSITIVITY TO DIFFERENT PHASES OF FLIGHT

Within a Flight Segment (i.e., SFO - SCK) compare different  
Measurement Epochs (TASK LOADINGS)

SFO - SCK Takeoff (LOW)  
to

SFO - SCK Cruise 1 (LOW)

\* \* \* \* \*

QUESTION: "Can the workload measure discriminate between different phases  
of the same flight segment?"

## DATA ANALYSES

### CONTENT VALIDITY

#### o SENSITIVITY TO DIFFERENT FLIGHT SEGMENTS (HIGH AND LOW TASK LOADINGS)

Between Flight Segments (i.e., LOW & HIGH) compare different Levels of Workload

SFO - SCK Descent (LOW)  
to  
SFO - SCK Descent (HIGH)

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QUESTION: "Can the workload measure discriminate between the same phase of the different flight segments?"

## DATA ANALYSES

### ALTERNATE FORMS / TEST-RETEST RELIABILITY

#### o SESSION ONE TO SESSION TWO

Collapsed across Flight Segments, compare different Measurement Epochs (**TASK LOADINGS**)

SFO - SCK Descent (LOW)  
to  
SMF - SFO Descent (LOW)

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QUESTION: "Is the measure stable? Will the same relative differences in workload be found with repeated testing?"

## DATA ANALYSES

### CONSTRUCT VALIDITY

- o CORRELATION COEFFICIENTS COMPARING VARIOUS WORKLOAD MEASURES

Collapsed across Measurement Epochs (**TASK LOADINGS**), compare the same Flight Segments

SFO - SCK (HIGH)  
Physiological Measure #1  
to  
SFO - SCK (HIGH)  
Subjective Measure #1

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QUESTION: "Are different workload measures sensitive to the same variations in TASK DEMANDS?"



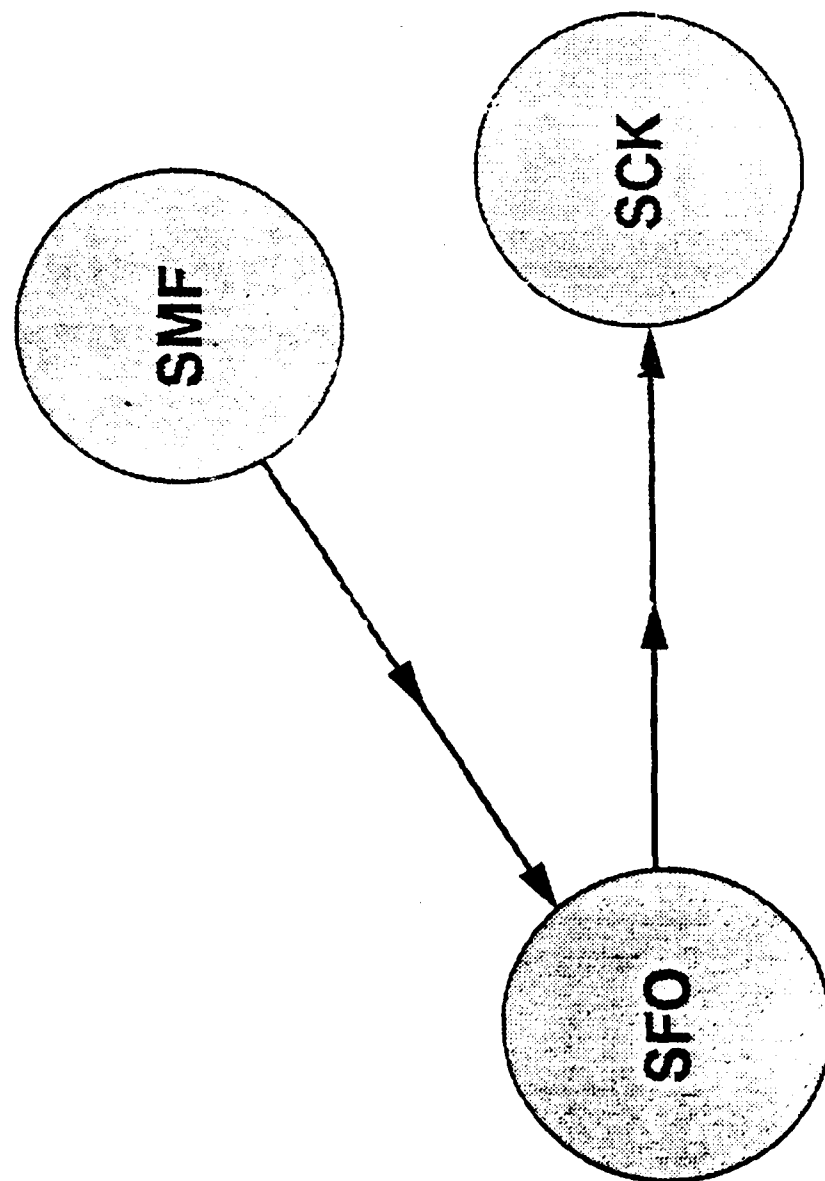
## **Simulation Facility**

- **NASA - Ames (MVSRF)**
- **Boeing 727 motion-base simulator**
- **High level of fidelity**
- **ATC simulation**

## **Subjects**

- **FAR qualified and current 727 airline pilots**
- **Captain (data collection)**
- **Confederates**
- **Representative of population**

# Simulation Scenarios

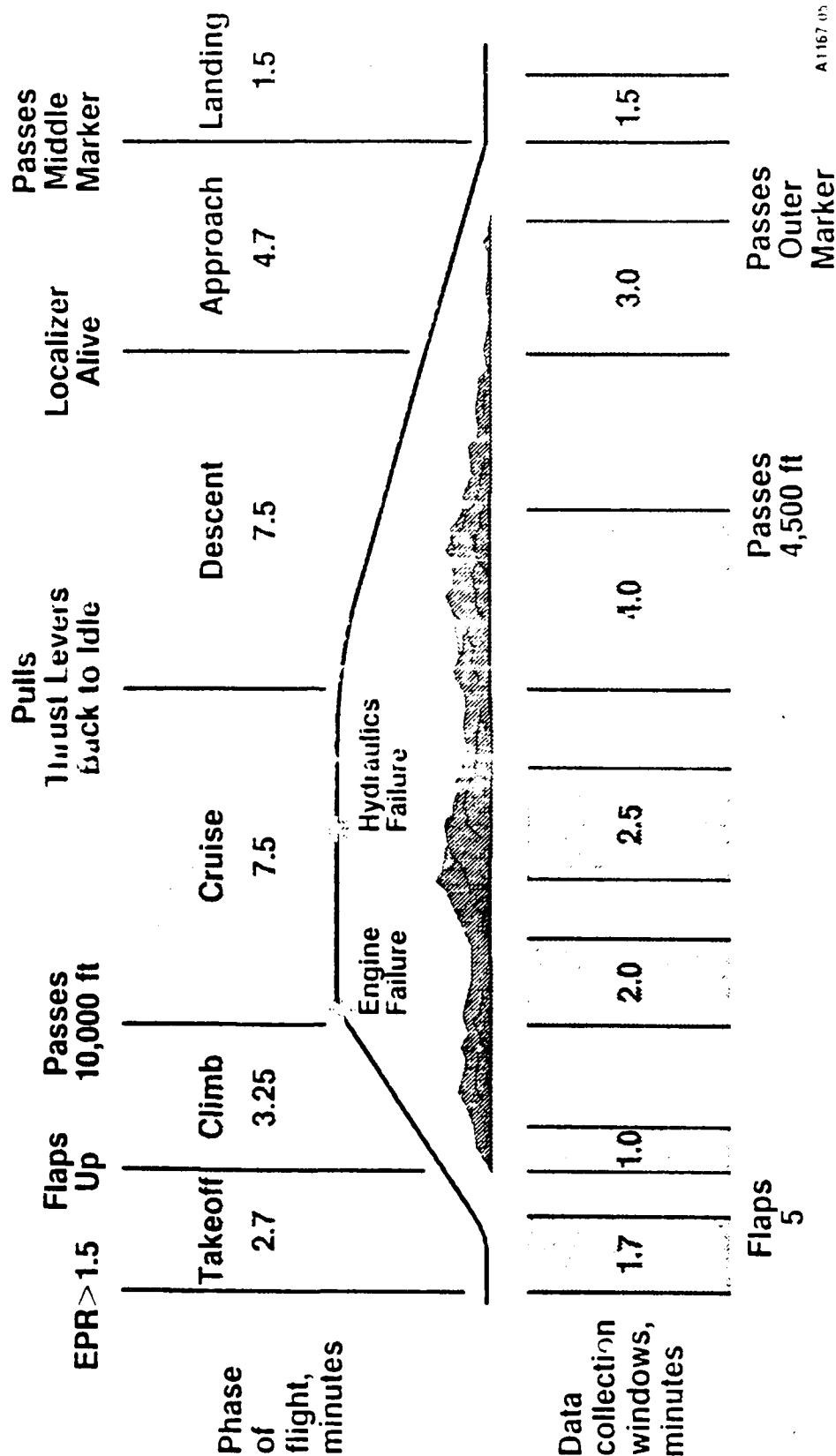


# Two Workload Levels

Conditions	Level	
	High	Low
Weather	Ceiling, 500 ft; visibility, 1 mi	Clear
Wind	12 kn at takeoff and landing	5 kn at takeoff and landing
Autopilot	Inoperative	Operating
Turbulence	Significant	Minimal
Nonnormals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number three engine stall</li> <li>• Hydraulic System B failure</li> <li>• Distractors (i.e., autopressure failure, window overheat)</li> </ul>	None

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# Phases of Flight and Data Collection



# **Operationally Relevant Types of Workload**

## **FAR 25.1523, Appendix D**

- **FAA addresses**
  - **6 workload functions**
  - **10 workload factors**
- **Map FAR-25 function and factor descriptions into scenarios**
- **Divide scenarios into high and low workload levels based on objective task demands**

# **Basic Workload Functions**

**FAR-25**

- 1. Flightpath control**
- 2. Collision avoidance**
- 3. Navigation**
- 4. Communications**
- 5. Operations and monitoring of aircraft  
engines and systems**
- 6. Command decisions**

# **Workload Factors**

## **FAR-25**

- 1. Controls**
- 2. Displays**
- 3. Procedures**
- 4. Mental and physical effort**
- 5. Monitoring**
- 8. Communication and navigation**
- 9. Nonnormals**
- 6. Crew member out of area**
- 7. Automation breakdown**
- 10. Incapacitated crew member**



# Function and Factor Mapping

## Example

00:02:15		Gear Retract - Start Initial Climb	
Function	Factor		
4,5,6	3,8A	•	Calls, "gear up"
4	8A	•	Hears F/O, "gear up"
5	5	•	Sees F/O compliance (peripheral vision)
1,5	2,3,5	•	Looks to see if airspeed stabilized at approximately $V2 + 10$
1,5,6	1,2,3	•	Adjusts pitch attitude to maintain $V2 + 10$ if necessary
1,5,6	1,2,3	•	Sets FD pitch knob to proper pitch attitude
00:02:35		Cleared Direct Sacramento Vortac	

# **Workload Factors**

- 1a. Accessibility of controls**
- 1b. Ease of controls**
- 1c. Simplicity of controls**
  
- 2a. Accessibility of displays**
- 2b. Conspicuity of displays**
- 2c. Interpretability of displays**
  
- 3a. Urgency of procedures**
- 3b. Ease of procedures**
- 3c. Simplicity of procedures**

## **Workload Factors**

- 4a. Degree of concentrated mental effort**
- 4b. Duration of concentrated mental effort**
- 4c. Degree of concentrated physical effort**
- 4d. Duration of concentrated physical effort**
- 5. Amount of required monitoring**
- 8a. Amount of communication**
- 8b. Amount of navigation**
- 9. Nonnormals**
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# Factors

## 1. Controls

- Any manipulation of any aircraft control (e.g., switches)
- If Factor 1 is assigned, Factor 5 cannot be used

## 2. Displays

- Any visual confirmation or visual reference to an indicator showing the state of the aircraft (e.g., CRTs, dials, etc.)

## 3. Procedures

- Any standard (normal) action for normal operation of the aircraft

## 5. Monitoring

- The extent of required monitoring for normal aircraft operation
- Factor 5 excludes the use of Factors 1, 8a, and 8b and Functions 3 and 4

# Functions

1. Flightpath control
  - Anytime crew senses movement of the airplane (e.g., pilot senses airplane start to roll)
  - If the crew manipulates anything to cause any up-down or left-right motion
2. Collision avoidance
  - If navigating, and crew looks out window for anything
  - If ATC directs an action
3. Navigation
  - Any altitude or heading information
  - If Function 3 is assigned, Factor 8b must be used and Factor 5 cannot be used

# Factors

## 8a. Communications

- Any Function 4 fires Factor 8a
- Factor 8a excludes the use of Factor 5

## 8b. Navigation

- Any Function 3 fires Factor 8b
- Factor 8b excludes the use of Factor 5

## 9. Nonnormals

- Broken down into Factors 9-1, 9-2, 9-3, 9-5, 9-8a, and 9-8b

## 6. Crew member out of area

## 7. Nonnormal conditions that require manual as opposed to automatic control of aircraft systems

## 10. Crew member incapacitated

# Functions

4. Communications
  - Any verbal, incoming or outgoing speech, occurs
  - If Function 4 is assigned, Factor 8a must be used and Factor 5 cannot be used
5. Operations and monitoring of aircraft engines and systems
  - Visual confirmation of information
  - Manipulation of the aircraft (nonflightpath)
6. Command decisions
  - Anytime the pilot makes an action to manipulate the aircraft that requires a decision

# **Dependent Measures**

- **Subjective**
- **Physiological**
- **Performance**
- **Task timeline analysis**



# **Subjective Measures**

- **Inflight (direct measurement)**
- **Postflight (videotape)**
- **Example measures**
  - **NASA TLX**
  - **SWAT**
  - **Modified Cooper-Harper**

# Physiological Measures

- Heart
  - Mean HR
  - SD
  - Spectrum
- Eye blinks
  - Number
  - Mean duration
  - SD duration
- Eye movements
  - Number
  - Fixation
  - Mean duration
  - SD duration
  - EOG rate
- EEG

## Performance Measures

- Reversals
  - Stick
  - Aileron
  - Rudder
  - Throttle
- Approach and landing
  - Glideslope error
  - Flight director error
  - Glideslope and localizer variability
  - Altitude at outer, middle, and inner markers

## **Task Timeline Analysis (TLA)**

- **Selected segments**
- **Proven TLA method**
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## **Concern Areas**

- **Aircraft certification precludes implementation of many secondary tasks for performance measures**
- **Physiological and performance measures → inflight Subjective measures → postflight**
- **Data collection windows are of different lengths**

ASSESSMENT OF CREW  
WORKLOAD WORKSHOP SURVEY

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MEASURE PREFERENCES

Because your views may be different from those already presented by the speakers, or, from those presented from your working group, we are interested in what you believe to be the best workload measures. If your views are different from those already presented, please indicate which measures you believe are best, in order, and provide a rationale for your view.

Measure Type: Subjective      Physiological      Performance

Measure	Rationale
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1. _____	
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2. _____	
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SIMULATION RECOMMENDATIONS

How would you improve the design of the part-task Simulation?



## SUGGESTED MEASURES

### Questionnaire Summary

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>MEASURE</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
Physiological	Voice Measures	3
Physiological	Auditory Canal Temperature	2
Physiological	ERP	2
Physiological	EEG Spectra	1
Physiological	Eye Movement	1
Subjective	Modified Cooper-Harper	2
Subjective	Airbus 2-8 Scale	1
Subjective	Bedford Scale	1
Subjective	Boeing Comparative	1
Subjective	In Flight, High Level Subjective	1
Perform. Sec.	Time Estimation	2
Perform. Sec.	Embedded Communication	1
Perform. Sec.	Unobtrusive Embedded Secondary Task	1
Perform. Prim.	Primary Task (mission effectiveness)	1
Other	Performance/Physiological	1
Other	SSER	1
Other	Subjective/Physiological	1
Other	Timeline Analysis	1

## Questionnaire Summary

### SIMULATION SUGGESTIONS

#### SUGGESTED ADDITIONS:

- o Increase the amount of mechanical failures (switch failure to hold, CB fails).
- o Pre-correlate workload with timeline analysis results to confirm validity.
- o Use glideslope as a primary task measure for AZ, ALT deviation, power required (weighted differently across the scenario).
- o Include a very high workload condition to be sure the measures are measuring anything.
- o Use filtering or other 0.1Hz analysis.
- o Use NDB approach or LDA approach to load the captain.
- o Address crew members as captain, first officer, and second officer.
- o Manipulate communications workload.
- o Perform an apriori test for level factor as a 2X2 (3 treatments with 1 within subjects factor) MANOVA. If there is no effect, it can be eliminated as a factor for later analysis.
- o Use synthetic tasks early on, then embedded tasks later in full system flight tests.
- o Design a new simulator with built-in data systems and flexible, quick-change capabilities.
- o Design criterion tasks with built-in measurement schemes.
- o Measure co-pilot workload.
- o Test measures in an actual 727 flight at some time.
- o Include more ECG data in 1.0, 1.7, and 1.5 minute segments for FFT analysis.
- o Make windows longer to allow heart rate variability to stabilize.

#### SUGGESTED ELIMINATIONS:

- o Eliminate throttle reversal (measures technique, not workload).
- o "Improve the scenario"
- o Eliminate 2 workload states.
- o Do not use 727 for testing. Old model, will probably never be certified again. Can you be certain of validity for a highly automatic plane?
- o Eliminate compressor stall at 10,000 feet (unrealistic, should be at a higher altitude).
- o Do not assume equal workload at the 3 airports selected.

#### SUGGESTED CONSIDERATIONS:

- o Asymmetric performance transfer
- o Range effects X stress differential interaction
- o New generation A/C
- o Full crew interaction
- o Sensitivity of measures
- o Between subjects and between test run variability
- o Anticipation between high and low levels
- o What part task simulation?
- o Mechanical malfunctions load second officer more than captain.
- o Pitfalls

## Questionnaire Summary

### SUGGESTED REFERENCES

#### IN REFERENCE TO MEASURES:

- o Speyer's handouts [Speyer]
- o Otis Elevator (c. 1965-1970) [Parks]

#### IN REFERENCE TO SCENARIO:

- o Poulton and Freeman (1973) [Hancock]
- o WPAFB, Human Factors Branch, Crew Station Designs Division c. 1979  
(call Richard Gesselhart (513) 255-4109) [Metcher]
- o O'Donnell and Eggemeier; Gopher and Donchin (current) [Derrick]

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